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EDEN STATEMENT TO-DAY

90-MINUTE CONFERENCE WITH RIBBENTROP

GERMAN OBJECTION TO GENERAL STAFF TALKS FALLS TO GROUND

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the German reply to the Locarno Powers' memorandum. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London: A 90-minutes' talk between Mr. Eden and Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador-at-Large, yesterday morning largely dealt with Britain's status in the proposed security pact, namely, whether as a guarantor, according to the German memorandum, or to participate in the mutual assistance pacts as planned in the White Paper.

It is understood that Mr. Eden explained the British position in connection with the German objection to the General Staff talks with France. He showed that as the arrangements provided for in the talks will only operate in the event of a German attack on France or Belgium and as Germany has excluded such a contingency, the objection fell to the ground.

Mr. Eden also told Herr von Ribbentrop that the British letter guaranteeing the security of France against unprovoked aggression in the event of conciliation failing was being delivered to the Ambassador, M. Corbin, yesterday afternoon.

Paris: The German memorandum is considered to be almost entirely negative in authoritative French quarters which contend that the German peace proposals would result in the ruin of the collective security system, mutual aid and the League of Nations itself.

It is pointed out that the Locarno Powers agreed that before negotiations could be opened for the organisation of European peace the international law broken by Germany must be re-established, at least in part; but the Reich has mostly rejected the measures provided.

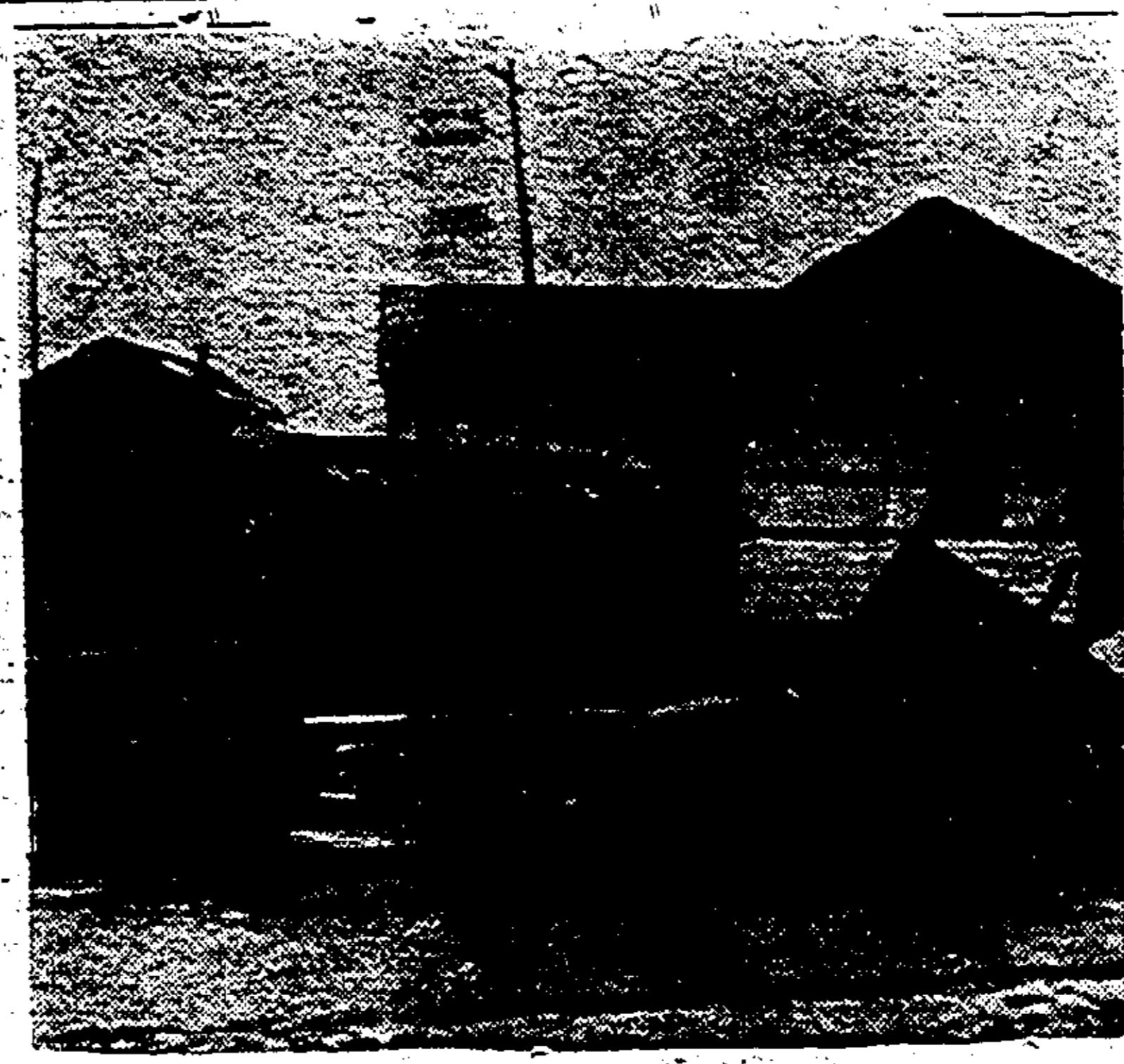
The memorandum deals a serious blow to the League by suppressing the Hague tribunal in favour of a court of arbitration, of which no details are given.

CONFERENCE CALLED?

Paris: It is understood that a meeting of the Locarno Powers was envisaged for March 8 at Brussels or Paris at a half-hour meeting yesterday between the British Ambassador, Sir George Clerk, and M. Flandin, Foreign Minister. It is understood that the British Government is being asked for an immediate reply.

HOME RUGBY RESULTS

London, To-day.—There were several rugby matches played yesterday. Newport beating Oxford University at home by 12 points to 3, while Bedford lost at home to Leicester by 7 points to 6. Llanelli entertained Swansea and won by the narrow margin of 3 points to nil. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Scenes such as the above are being witnessed all along the west coast of America following a severe tornado which has up to the present claimed 40 lives.

TORNADO IN AMERICA

40 KILLED AND 400 INJURED

New York, To-day.

At least 40 people have been killed and 400 injured in a tornado and torrential rains in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. Thirty-three people were killed at Cordova, Georgia, alone, which was the centre of the storm. An eye-witness states that the tornado splintered houses like dynamite mangling the victims.

The new baseball stadium at Cordova has been converted into a hospital and the Governor of Georgia has sent two companies of the National Guard and five army doctors to the scene.

Three trains were derailed by landslides. One plunged into a broad river. The passengers escaped by a miracle. The damage is estimated at over \$1,000,000. — Reuter.

ANOTHER VISITATION

Greensboro, N. Carolina: Seven people were killed and scores injured and damage estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 was caused by a tornado southwest of Greensboro. The storm lasted only a few minutes. — Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR SERVICES

New Discussions With Australia

Sydney, To-day.

The Daily Telegraph understands that the discussions of the flying-boat service are proceeding on new lines involving Australia's abandonment of the Darwin-Singapore section in favour of Darwin-North Borneo, from where there will be branches to Manila, Hong Kong, New Guinea and Papua.

The empire flying-boats will connect with the trans-Pacific Clipper ships of the Pan-American Airways, affording direct communication between Australia and the United States and a twice-weekly service from Australia to New Guinea. — Reuter.

CORONATION OF THE KING

To Take Place Early Next Year

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the coronation of King Edward will be held in May 1937, the precise date of which will be fixed as soon as possible. He intimated that representatives of the Dominions, India and the Colonies would be invited. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MOURNING FOR LATE KING

His Majesty's Wishes Announced

London, To-day.

In connection with the national mourning for the late King, it is authoritatively stated that King Edward and Queen Mary would approve, after Easter, of a return to the wearing of colours by the general public. — British Wireless Service.

CONFESION EXTRACTED BY TORTURE

WENDEL'S AMAZING STORY

New York, To-day.

An astounding story of how his confession to the murder of the Lindbergh baby was extracted by torture is told by Wendel to a representative of the Brooklyn District Attorney.

Wendel states that he was imprisoned for 10 days in Brooklyn cellar before he signed the confession. He was tortured

CLAPTON BEAT MILLWALL

London, To-day.—Clapton Orient, playing at home, beat Millwall by a solitary goal in their Third Division (South) League football match yesterday. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

Mrs. Amy Mollison is expected to leave Gravesend aerodrome at 3 a.m. to-day in a mystery high-speed aeroplane. She hopes to reach Cape Town in two days, flying by the West African route.

The machine was taken for trial. Then, he declares, the gangsters drove him to a place outside the house of detective Ellis Parker, where they dropped him. — Reuter.

VICEROY DESIGNATE LEAVES FOR INDIA

London, To-day.

The Vice-Designate, Lord Linlithgow, left for India yesterday. — British Wireless Service.

"CAUGHT IN NEW WHIRLPOOL"

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT ON GERMAN OFFER

MEMORANDUM AFFRONT TO QUAI D'ORSAY

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Flandin, and all the leading officials of the Quai d'Orsay devoted the entire morning and afternoon yesterday to a detailed study of the German proposals.

At 5 p.m. M. Flandin received the British Ambassador, Sir George Clerk, while at 8 p.m. he had another conference with the Premier, M. Sarraut.

It is now officially confirmed that a meeting of the French Ambassadors to the Locarno Powers has been arranged for this afternoon, while on Monday the Cabinet will meet in order to determine the French attitude.

There has been talk of a separate French answer being made, but it is not clear whether this is meant to indicate a speech by M. Flandin or M. Sarraut. In any case it is pointed out that French diplomacy will do nothing to jeopardise the British negotiations with Germany.

The impression prevails here that the French Government is satisfied with the official British attitude, the reproaches in the press being directed against British public opinion. This "satisfaction" is no doubt partly due to the news that a letter has been dispatched from London, assuring France and Belgium of England's "assistance" in case the negotiations should fail.

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ETHIOPIAN VICTORY REPORT FROM DEBAR

Four Forts Seized And Many Prisoners Taken

THREEFOLD APPEAL TO LEAGUE

Addis Ababa, To-day. A great Ethiopian victory is claimed by the general headquarters at Maichelo, Debar. It is stated that the Abyssinians have captured four fortifications and 700 white Italians, including 22 officers, and that 2,000 Abyssinians have been killed.

According to a Rome message, it is officially confirmed that Gondar has been taken by the Italians.

Sigmar Savich, Italian Under-Secretary of State, is seeing Senor Madariaga, Chairman of the Committee of Thirteen, to convey the Government's acceptance of the invitation to get in touch with the Committee, with a view to discussing the settlement of the Abyssinian conflict.

Geneva: A threefold appeal to the League has been made by the Abyssinian Government — for financial assistance, for the removal of the obstacles certain States members are still placing on the transport of arms to the Ethiopian troops, and the reinforcement and completion of sanctions. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

This request was duly granted. The Chinese member of the staff of the Bank came specially from Hong Kong yesterday called on Major-General Lee Shin-chung, the Gendarmerie Commandant, with the object of seeing the 10 persons arrested in the forgery establishments and inspecting the forged notes.

This request was duly granted. The Chinese member of the staff of the Bank came specially from Hong Kong in order to examine the forged notes. It is possible that the prisoners will be tried here, as the crime was committed in Canton and the "banknote" factory was unearthed in Western Suburb. Forgery of banknotes is considered a military offence, hence the Gendarmerie who discovered the hide-out are in charge of the case.

The forgers turned out "Hong Kong notes" as genuine paper money of the Colony is practically legal tender here.

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OFFICIAL TRIALS OF THE QUEEN MARY

London, To-day. — The giant liner Queen Mary is to remain in the King George V Graving Dock at Southampton until she sails for the North to undergo her official trials on April 14 or 15. — British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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FROM EUROPE

Apr.
FROM U.S.A. Apr.
Pres. McKinley 3
Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hoover 10
Pres. Hayes 10

FROM SHANGHAI

Apr.
Pres. McKinley 3
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Hector 9
Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hoover 10
Andre Lebon 10
Pres. Hayes 10

FROM JAPAN

Apr.
Hawaii Maru 3
Pres. McKinley 3
Genoa Maru 5
Nakio Maru 7
Bokuyo Maru 9
Emp. of Russia 9
Pres. Hayes 10

FROM MANILA

Apr.
Nankin 3
Pres. McKinley 4
Nellore 4
Emp. of Russia 9

OUTWARD MAIIS.

FOR EUROPE

Rangoon (K.L.M. Service) 4

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Hector (via Manchuria) 7

Pres. Lincoln (via Siberia) 7

Closes: Reg. 4:15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Gen. Sherman 7

Andre Lebon (via Manchuria) 10

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Ord. 10:30 a.m.

FOR STRAITS & INDIA

Penang Maru 3

Menelias 6

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Haruna Maru 10

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FOR SHANGHAI

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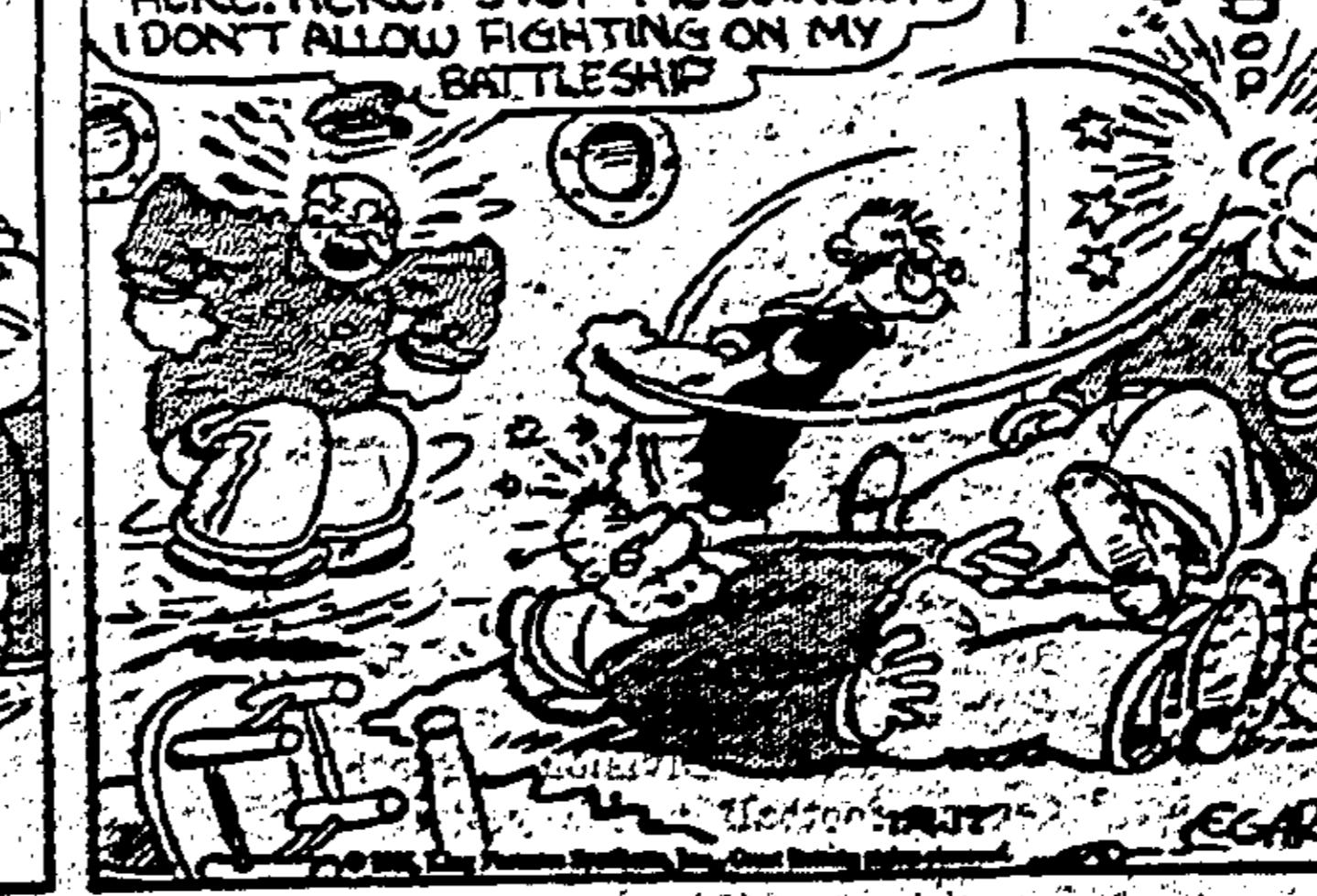
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FOR AUSTRALIA

Nellore 4

Kitano Maru 10

POPEYE.—"A Reaction Yacht"



WOMEN'S FASHION

HOW TO WASH FLANNELS

Reducing The Shrinkage

After detailed tests with regard to the washing of flannel it has been found that however carefully this is washed, it almost invariably shrinks to some extent; the selvedge shrinkage being in all cases rather greater than that in width. With a reliable make of "shrunken" flannel, however, the actual shrinkage should be almost negligible provided washing methods are satisfactory.

The shirts should be washed by kneading and squeezing in warm, soapy water, using a pure laundry soap or reliable make of soap flakes. If the former is used it should be shredded and dissolved in water to form a jelly before use. Rubbing should, as far as possible, be avoided for it is this which is mainly responsible for excessive shrinkage in flannel or other woolen materials.

For soft collars, soap can actually be rubbed on to the material, and this is, in most cases, necessary. Usually, hand rubbing is sufficient to cleanse such collars, but if they are very soiled, you may find you have to resort to the use of a small nail or other brush. This, however, should not be used more than necessary, as nature

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DAYTIME DRESS NOW FORMAL

FULLER GROWS THE SLEEVE!

Fuller and fuller every day grows the sleeve, and already some of the newest styles almost rival those of historic periods in costume, when sleeves were fantastic in their volume. The balloon form that is interesting the dress designers rather than the more graceful, though no less extravagant, ground-length sleeve. The latter has its place in evening attire, and both developments in sleeve styles mean big demands on fabric. The black taffeta sleeve with the bow above the elbow is a form of "bishop," a fashion that returns from time to time.

DOOM OF CASUAL STYLES

Paris.—Whether the Chinese Exhibition in London or a theatrical production such as Bourget's "Margot" will influence the coming mode is difficult to say. It must always be remembered that picturesqueness and modern life do not get on very well together. Imagines a woman endeavouring to cross a busy thoroughfare dressed even in a modern version of a crinoline! On the other hand, we may see modernized versions of the ruff, beloved of the 16th and 17th century carried out in soft lingerie trimmings.

TWO DISTINCT TYPES

Next season more than ever before, I think the essentially elegant woman will adopt two very distinct types of dress—informal and formal. Informal clothes will be set aside for sports, travel, country wear. Formal dress will be worn at all social activities, including lunch, tea, cocktail and other functions. The well-dressed woman will need a very complete wardrobe starting right from the strict, sober, tailored suit, going on through to the simple, but chic afternoon dress, the cocktail or dinner ensemble and ending up with the formal evening gown and wrap.

To be suitably dressed for all occasions will become the formula of the smart woman. Informality in dress will not be tolerated after luncheon. On the other hand, there will be fewer freak styles, which will be amply compensated by the evidence of a great deal of study in the choice of fabrics, line and decorative effects.

THE USEFUL TOOTHBRUSH

When a toothbrush is of no further use for toilet purposes, it should not be thrown away. When dipped in water it is useful for opening out and flattening the seam of a garment before pressing it with an iron. With the aid of a toothbrush, the dust can be quickly and easily removed from carved ivory and the corners of paintwork. It is also useful for getting in between the bars of gas-burners and grates.

TREATMENT FOR SCARS

Scars are disagreeable marks, especially when they exist in a prominent place on the skin.

Probably nothing can remove a big scar, the tissue of which has become fibrous and unyielding; but the following recipe (to be applied on lint, and allowed to remain on for a little time daily) will effect an improvement in small scars and blemishes: Borax 1/2 oz., salicylic acid 12 grains, glycerine 3 drachms, rosewater 6 oz. Mix.

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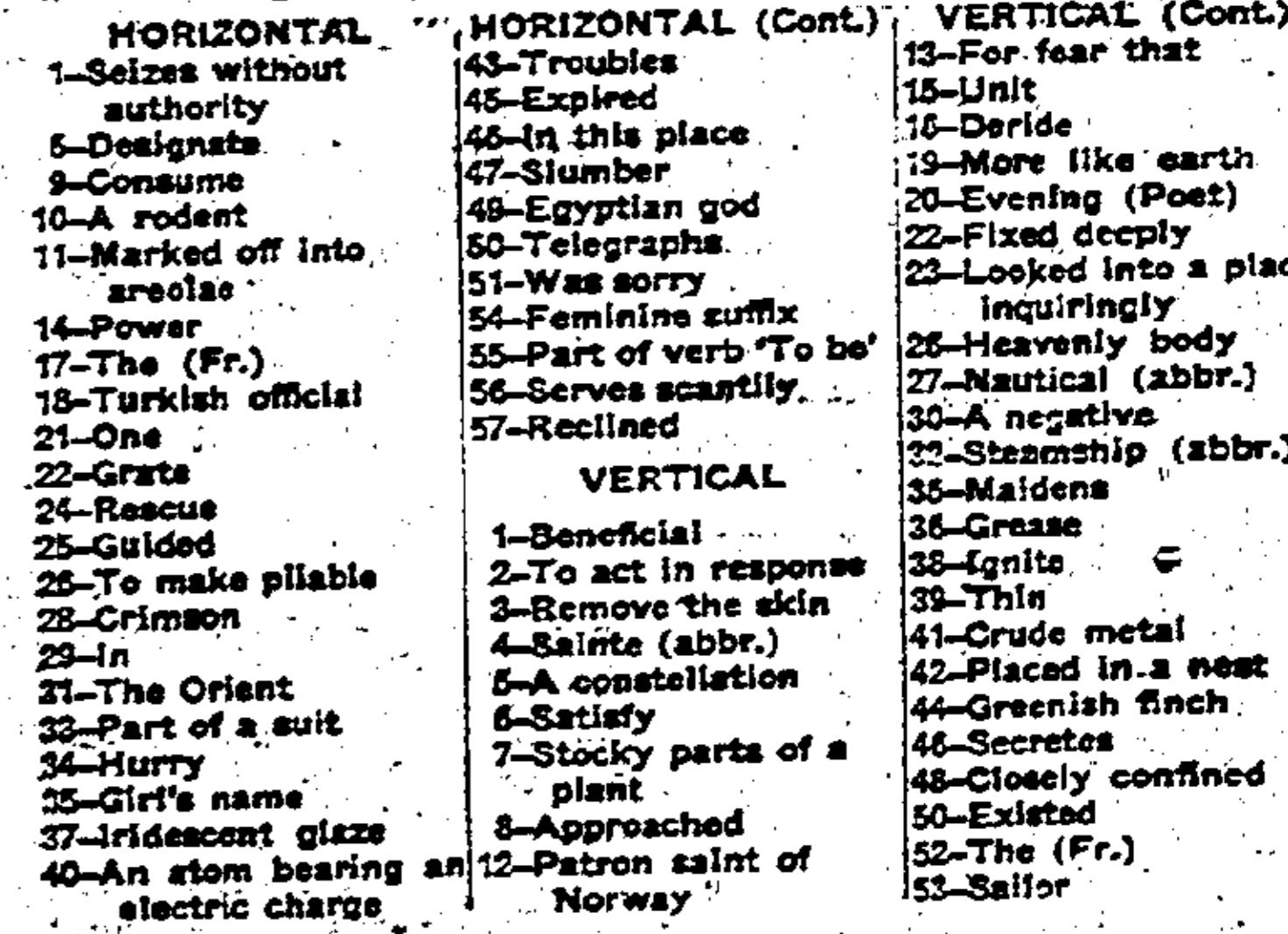
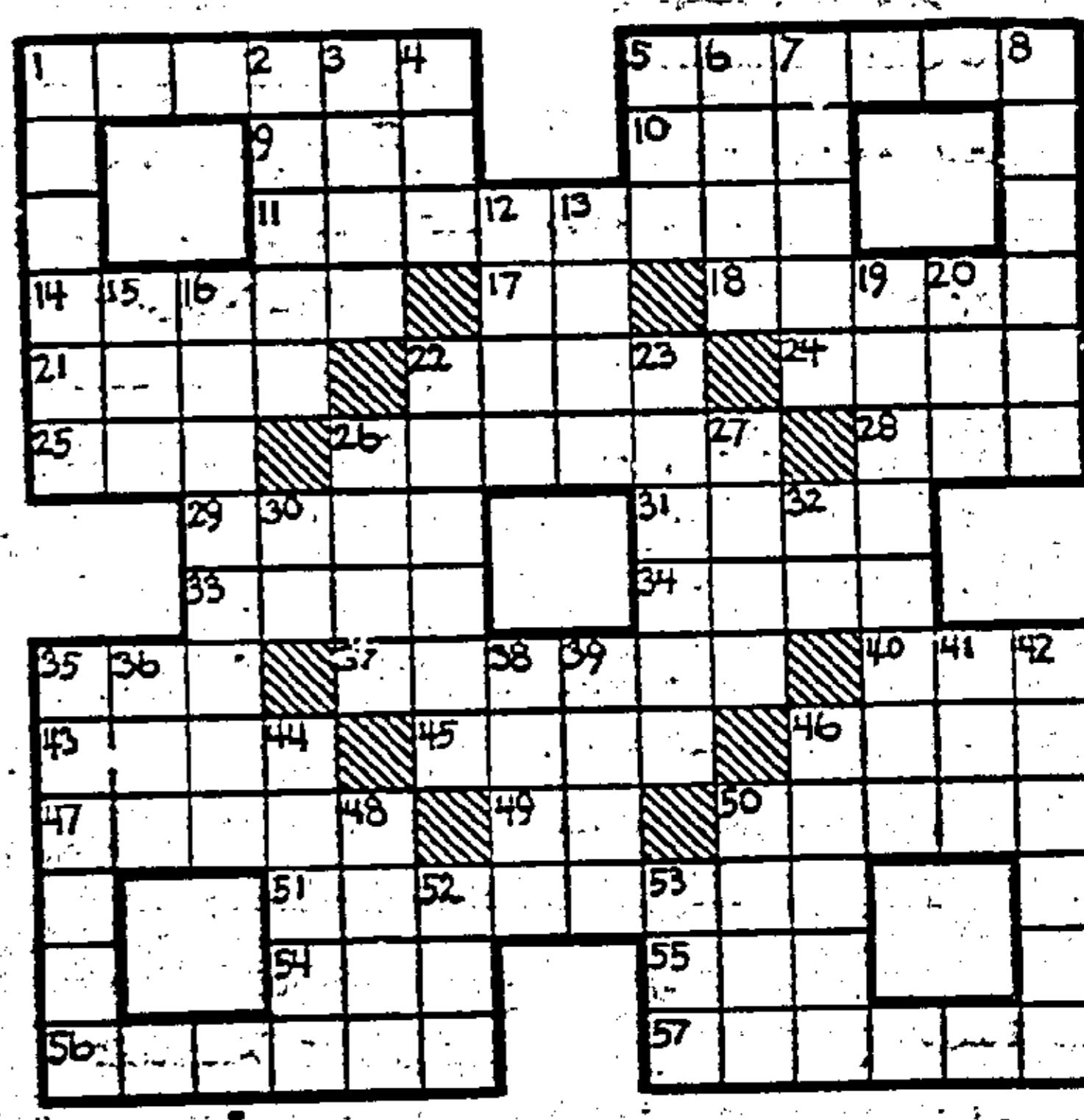
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	13-For fear that
1-Start without authority	14-Troubles
5-Desirous	45-Expired
9-Consume	46-In this place
10-A rodent	47-Slumber
11-Marked off into areas	48-Egyptian god
12-The (Fr.)	50-Telegraph
15-The (Fr.)	51-Was sorry
16-Deride	54-Feminine suffs
19-More like earth	55-Part of verb "To be"
20-Evening (Poet)	56-Serves scantly
22-Fixed deeply	57-Reclined
23-Looked into a place	VERTICAL (Cont.)
26-Inquisitively	1-Beneficial
27-Scandalous (abbr.)	2-To act in response
28-Grease	3-Remove the skin
29-Greasy	4-Saints (abbr.)
30-Hair	5-A constellation
31-Girl's name	6-Satisfy
32-Iridescent glaze	7-Starry
33-Plant	8-Approached
34-Closely confined	12-Patron saint of Norway
35-Maidens	44-Greenish Finch
36-Grease	46-Secrets
37-Greasy	47-The (Fr.)
38-Thin	52-Sailor
41-Crude metal	53-Sailor
42-Places in a nest	
44-Greenish Finch	
46-Secrets	
47-The (Fr.)	
50-The (Fr.)	
52-Sailor	

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CONSTERNATION IN PRAGUE

Austrian Conscription Movement

CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"
Prague, To-day.

The news of the Austrian Government's decision to introduce conscription and compulsory labour service aroused consternation here, and resulted in a Cabinet meeting being hastily summoned at mid-day.

Political circles here believe that Czechoslovakia, together with allied and friendly powers, will lodge a protest against this unilateral denunciation of the Treaty of St Germain—Trans-Ocean Service.

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General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

"LOVERS' LEAP"

Something Light By
The A.D.C.

SPARKLING COMEDY TO BE PRESENTED

By way of a complete contrast to their last production "Musical Chairs," the A.D.C. are offering Hong Kong theatre-goers a comedy which for sheer humour, might almost be described as a farce "Lovers' Leap" by Philip Johnson, is included in the volume "Famous Plays of 1934-1935," having been first produced in Liverpool in June 1934, and subsequently in London in October of that year, when it enjoyed a deservedly successful run. The cleverness of the play lies not so much in its theme as in the wit and sparkle of its dialogue, and in its excellent acting qualities, qualities of which our local amateurs promise to take full advantage.

The play will be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre on the nights of April 15, 16, 17 and 18, at 9.15 p.m.

Favourites In Cast

The cast includes Helen Prior, Myrtle Brown, Jane Weller, Donald MacAllister, and E. G. Smith-Wright, who is producing the play.

"Lovers' Leap" does not pretend to be a serious play, it presents no problem and it does not even set out to be entirely credible. It has, however, all the requisites of a first-class and thoroughly laughable comedy, and, in these days of uncertainty and pessimism, the A.D.C. are to be congratulated on the selection of something which will draw no tears from the audience, unless they be tears of mirth.

Booking is now open at the Anderson Music Co.

UNREST IN MADRID

Four Killed In Shooting Affray

CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"

Madrid, To-day.

Further disorders, in the course of which six people are stated to have lost their lives, are reported from the provinces. In Vadojato, near Seville, a group of farm-labourers attempted to disarm some policemen, and this led to a shooting affray in which four persons were killed and four others seriously injured.

Two more persons were killed in a clash between landlords and tenants in Cosmella, a village near Malaga—Trans-Ocean Service.



To-day's Complete Short Story

The Faked Alibi

NOW, Mrs. Hardy, you're home and try not to worry about it," Dixon Hawke placed a kindly hand on the old lady's shoulder, and smiled encouragingly. "If Jim is such a good lad as you say, it's not very likely that he has been guilty of a brutal murder. Leave it to me, and I'll do my best to help you both."

Mrs. Hardy looked as if she were ready to break down completely. Hawke ushered her to the door, and gave her a warm and reassuring handshake as he bade her good-bye.

"I say, sir," exclaimed Tommy Burke when they were alone again, "it looks mighty black against young Hardy, don't it? Finger-prints on the weapon, and his cap in the room."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

The Avenging Dummy
Another Adventure of
Dixon Hawke.

Dixon Hawke nodded grimly.

"It does, young 'un," he said. "Looks like a fair cop," went on Tommy. "Hardy bears a cry for help, and finds the door locked. When he phones for the police, and they get in, they find a man with his head bashed in. Hardy's cap on the floor under the table, and his finger-prints on the weapon. Sounds a mighty thin tale, and I don't wonder they pinched him so quick."

"Certainly the circumstantial evidence is all against the lad," agreed Hawke, "but his finger-prints may have got on the stick in half a dozen different ways. That remains to be seen."

The detective pulled out his watch and glanced at it. "Ten o'clock," he announced. "The crime was committed at six or six-fifteen, and Hardy arrested an hour ago. His mother rushed right around here as soon as she knew the police had taken him. Quick work all the way. Well, lad, we'll slip along to Clare Street and see Forbes. Nothing like getting on the trail while the scent is still warm."

The famous pair left Dover Street and walked rapidly down to Clare Street Police Station, where they found Inspector Forbes still on duty. He was an old acquaintance of Dixon Hawke, and he greeted them in a friendly manner, but shook his head when the detective explained his mission.

"You're on a dud thing, Hawke," he said. "The evidence is plain enough to convince the most bone-headed jury alive. That young ruffian did the job, and he'll swing for it."

Hawke nodded his head.

"Looks black," he agreed, "but I'd like to see the body, and have a talk with the lad, if I could."

The inspector considered the request for a couple of minutes before he answered.

"All right, Hawke. I don't know if I'm acting right in letting you do it, but I guess you've been a good friend to the police one way and another, so I'll take the risk."

"The murdered man is Ezra Walker, of Walker & Goldman, the diamond assessors, of Shaftesbury Avenue. He was knocked out with a loaded cane, but up to the moment we don't know if anything was stolen. His partner seems to be out of town. Come on, then;

Declarer re-entered dummy by leading to the King of clubs. Then the ten of diamonds lead was covered by East's Jack and South ruffed, cashed the Ace of clubs, trumped a low club in the dummy, and returned the King of diamonds. Marked with the Ace, East had to cover, and South again ruffed. Re-entering dummy with the Ace of hearts, the high diamond was played, upon which declarer discarded his losing heart. West ruffed with the nine of spades and returned his last heart, which South trumped. A spade lead put West in for the end-play, which South had planned from the beginning of the hand, and West's four "sure" trump tricks had turned into three—not enough to set the contract.

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Mr. Halter himself will be seen on the stage with his bicycle, on which he is capable of performing the most astounding tricks, and in this he will be assisted by a lady partner, while Little Mary, who has been described as one of the best and smallest acrobatic dancers to come to the Colony, is an added attraction.

The programme will be brought to a conclusion with an act entitled Ramona, or the Great Light Vision, when the audience will be given the rare treat of seeing the effects of carefully manipulated lights—that of changing a "human butterfly" into various other shapes and forms!

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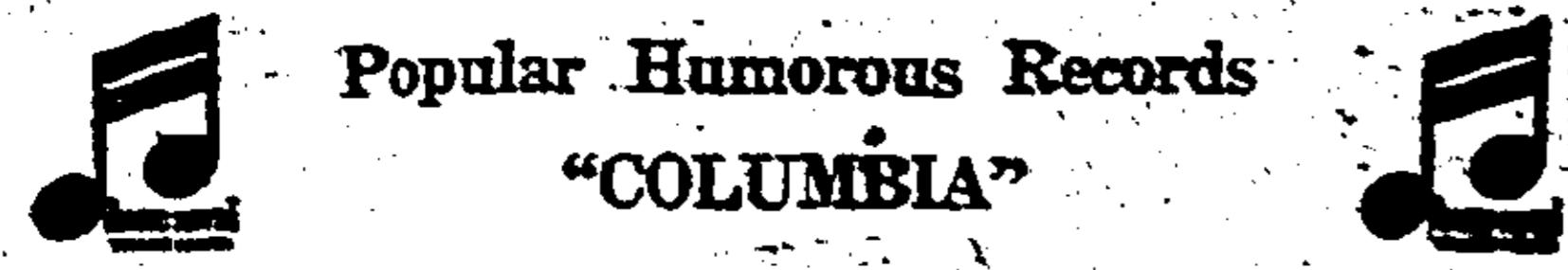
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FINCHER AND HUNG WIN IN STRAIGHT SETS

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FINCHER'S FOURTH FINAL?

(By "BASE-LINE")

TEODY FINCHER and Willie Hung, strong contenders for the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship, did all that was expected of them yesterday when they eliminated Lollie Goldman and Alec Pearce by scores of 6-0, 6-4 in their quarter-final encounter.

The result was never in doubt after the first four games, when it was quite clear that Pearce was unable to hold his own against opponents who entirely neglected Goldman in the opening set. He blundered overhead too frequently, while his weak second service instantly placed the opposition in an attacking position. Pearce played pluckily at the net, but his volleying lacked crispness and merely served to return the ball instead of being an attacking stroke.

Goldman was very accurate on the forehand and in his volleys, but his backhand was surprisingly unreliable.

ST. ANDREW'S 'B' WIN AT BADMINTON

Narrow Victory Over S. And S. Home

St. Andrew's "B" defeated the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home in a Men's Doubles Badminton match last night by 5 game to 4.

H. Harris and W. Brown (S. and S. Home): lost to P. Dawson and L. E. Kirby 16-21

beat J. A. Hamilton and F. V. Wong 21-14

beat P. White and N. A. E. Mackay 21-13

C. Bourgois and W. J. Merritt (S. and S. Home): lost to Kirby and Dawson 11-21

lost to Hamilton and Wong 18-21

beat White and Mackay 21-18

A. Edwards and Yeng Chan (S. and S. Home): lost to Dawson and Kirby 13-21

lost to Hamilton and Wong 14-21

beat White and Mackay 21-13

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. F. A. Pr. Eliot Hall "A" 20 19 1 128 16 33

Retiro "A" 19 18 1 120 24 26

St. Andrew's "A" 20 15 5 107 72 30

C. R. C. 19 14 5 111 45 28

Eliot Hall "B" 17 12 5 83 43 22

Recreat "B" 15 10 5 73 44 20

St. John's 19 9 10 81 59 12

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V. R. C. 14 4 14 49 95 8

St. Andrew's "B" 20 3 17 39 106 6

Kowloon Tong 21 3 19 49 104 6

S. and S. Home 15 1 18 34 143 2

Fincher was the outstanding player on view. Had he not been as steady as he was Hung might have collapsed in the second set, when he lost many points by faulty placements and poor judgment of deep returns.

The winners, playing really good tennis, carried all before them in the first set, but on slackening their pace in the second, they had to wait until the sixth game before they broke through Goldman's service for a match-winning lead of 4-2. The losers' combination showed an improvement on their display against the In brothers, but it was not all that it might have been. It is a great pity Goldman and Fincher did not pair up again—they reached the Final in three successive years!

Fincher and Hung will now meet the Lo brothers for right of entry into the Final, and, despite the danger of forecasting against the veteran C.R.C. pair, I shall be surprised if Fincher does not take part in his fourth doubles Final. The other semi-final is between Lee Wai-tong and Luk Ding-cheong and Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, conquerors of the Rumjahn cousins.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Open Doubles (Third Round)

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce 6-0, 6-4.

Club Championship (Third Round)
D. MacDougall beat F. A. Redmond 6-2, 6-3.

Club Handicap Singles
(Third Round)

M. Pagh (-15-2) beat Lt.Cdr. S. F. Stapleton (scr.) 5-3, 6-2.

V. R. Gordon (scr.) beat H. R. MacGillchrist (scr.) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

TSUI SHOULD BEAT KWOK

To-day's Open Singles Encounter

(By "BASE-LINE")
Only one match in the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships is down for decision to-day, but it promises to be an exciting one as Tennis Kwok will be all out to avenge his recent defeat at the hands of Tsui Wal-pui, the 1934 local champion, in the C.R.C. tournament.

Tsui will start a warm favourite and his big variety of shots should carry him through to the Semi-Final, where he will meet either S. A. Eumjahn, the holder, or Paul Kong.

Kwok is a very casual player who can, however, rise to great heights when least expected. He was champion of St. John's University, Shanghai, before he came to the Colony last year.

The following is to-day's programme at the HKCC, commencing at 4:45 P.M.:

Open Singles (Fourth Round)
Tsui Wai-pui v Tennis Kwok
(Stand Court).

Club Championship (Third Round)
Sur. Lt. W. A. S. Grant v L. Goldmann.

M. Pagh v H. J. Armstrong
Club Handicap Singles
(Second Round)

E. F. Butress (+4/6) v W. P. Lucy
(-3/6).

Club Handicap Doubles
(Second Round)

E. R. Butress and D. MacDougall
(-4/6) v T. J. and H. R. Price
(-2/6).

E. O'M. Deane and G. E. R. Divett
(-15) v H. R. MacGillchrist and H. L. Tudor (+1/6).

Entries For The Third Extra Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Third Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held at the Valley on April 11 and 12:	1. FIRST DAY
1. Camos Handicap—Winner \$300. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. One Mile.	Griffins of this Club of this season. Winners of more than \$750 in stakes, carried. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
2. New Bridge Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$325. Third \$100. For Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.	Babes, Blue Ribbon, Boxing Eva, Copper Idol, Daylight Eve, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Foxbridge, Glad Eyes, Gold Currency, Jades, Lemberg, Mike, Mountain View, Night View, Old Star, Philanderer, Plain View, Popular Star, Sevenoak, The Gorilla, The Rain Gauge, Unicorn Valley View, West Parade, Wild Cat, Ythan.
3. 2nd—Fatahs Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$325. Third \$100. For Australian Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.	4. Easter Stakes—Winner \$600. Second \$350. Third \$150. For China Ponies. Weight 145 lb. Winners at any time of one race 5 lb. penalty. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
4. Shek Pai Handicap—Winner \$550. Second \$325. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "A" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.	Cossack's Beauty, Diana Bay, Gladiator, Herod, King, Warden, Liberty Bay, Macaroni, Oak Bay, Royal Consort, Royal Scot, Sadko, Soldier of Britain.
5. 3rd—Swallow Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Griffins of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.	5. Mackin Hill Handicap—Winner \$500. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Winnings at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
6. 4th—Boa Vista Handicap—Second & First Sections. Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at this Meeting, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	6. 9.—Kellett Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this Meeting, and Griffins of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
7. 5th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. One Mile.	7. 10.—Swallow Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "A" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. One Mile.
8. 6th—Kungman Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	8. Broken Hill Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have won \$750 or less in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance Entrance \$5. One Mile.
9. 7th—Kungman Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	9. 11.—Kungman Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
10. 8th—Pukelaum Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	10. 12.—Pukelaum Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "F" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
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12. 10th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "I" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	12. 14.—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "J" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
13. 11th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "K" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	13. 15.—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "L" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
14. 12th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "M" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	14. 16.—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "N" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
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16. 14th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "Q" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	16. 18.—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "R" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.
17. 15th—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "S" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a race, barred.	17. 19.—Shamphu Camp Handicap—First & Second Sections—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "T" Class. Subcription Griffins of this Club of this season that have not won a

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Germany's Position

The eagerly-awaited peace proposals of the German Government are now in the hands of the British Government and have been by them transmitted to the Governments of France and Belgium.

Admirable as they are theoretically, one important omission is to be noted; Germany gives no undertaking as to the fortification of the Rhineland. Nor does the "justification" offered by Herr Hitler excuse the deliberate flouting of the Locarno Treaty.

Herr Hitler complains of many acts of France which, he claims, were contrary to the spirit of the Treaty; but may it not be claimed with equal justice that Germany too has all along been acting contrary to the spirit of the Treaty? That she has for years past been secretly re-arming and perfecting her war-machine and educating the whole nation for war has long been known; and recently Herr Hitler was able to boast openly to the world that Germany was now strong enough to oppose any force that might be brought against her. What France has done in the way of fortification of her frontier has been done through fear—fear of a war of revenge which would come when Germany believed herself strong enough to undertake it.

Germany claims that the Franco-Soviet Pact was her justification for the military re-occupation of the Rhineland, which she euphemistically terms a denunciation of the Treaty of Locarno. But when Herr Hitler presented a startled Europe with this *fait accompli* the Franco-Soviet Pact had not even been approved by the Senate, much less signed; and the "denunciation" of the Locarno Treaty was made coincident with the entry of German troops into the demilitarised zone. Had Herr Hitler pointed out to the Locarno Powers that Germany would regard the conclusion of a military pact between France and Russia as a breach of the Treaty and in that event would hold herself at liberty to re-occupy the Rhineland, or had she given reasonable notice of her intention to denounce the Treaty, the case would have worn a very different aspect.

For several years now, the bitter feelings engendered by the war having been softened by the lapse of time, there has been especially in Britain, considerable sympathy felt for Germany, it being realised that some, at least, of the conditions imposed upon her were somewhat excessively harsh; and there is little doubt that an appeal for a revision of the Treaty would not have fallen on deaf ears. The world has at least realised that over-harsh conditions imposed upon a beaten foe generally recoil upon the victors.

Britain too has been impelled to recognise the enormous services which Herr Hitler has rendered his country, despite the fact that the spirit of her people is opposed to any form of dictatorship; but this high-handed action of his has cost him much of the sympathy and admiration he had previously earned.

Truly he has set Europe the most difficult problem it has had to face since the war which he himself describes as the "most frightful and senseless" war the world has ever known. Does he really desire peace, or must it be "Deutschland ueber Alles," even at the risk of

MAUNDY MONEY
IN ENGLAND

Ancient Ceremony
Described

OLD PEOPLE HELPED BY
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The picturesquely ancient celebrations associated with Maundy Thursday will be fittingly observed by the B.B.C. in Transmission 4 next Thursday at 8.40 p.m. G.M.T. in a programme entitled "The Passion of Jesus Christ." This dramatic devotional piece has been specially devised by K. Ellis Roberts, and will be produced by Robin Whitworth. In its application it will be similar to the special Christmas Day drama and other religious festival programmes.

To many people the most interesting ceremony of the day before Good Friday is the distribution of the Royal Maundy, which takes place annually on Maundy Thursday in Westminster Abbey. It is made by the Lord High Almoner to the King, the present holder of this office being his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

In 1932, after a lapse of nearly 250 years, His Majesty King George V personally handed his gifts to the old recipients, their number being gauged by the age of the reigning sovereign. Last year there were 70 men and 70 women, and each of these specially-selected applicants received 70 pence in Maundy Money.

This year, King Edward VIII being in his forty-second year, there will be this number of both sexes, and each will receive 3/6 or 42 pence, in Maundy Money.

It is sometimes thought that Maundy Money is the only gift made to these old people, but allowance in lieu of food and clothing, together with £1 Redemption money, is also handed to each. In this way each man receives £4.15.0, and each woman £4.50, in ordinary currency.

Those who must be temporarily taken off the list, owing to the death of the sovereign, do not, however, suffer financial loss. A grant of a similar amount is made to those removed each year until such time as it is possible through vacancies to grant them once again the Royal Maundy gifts.

LOCAL TRAFFIC
ACCIDENTSThree Fatalities
Reported

Altogether 50 accidents, involving three fatalities and injuries to 13 people, occurred in the Colony in the week ended March 28. One person was killed while running across the road, one when appearing from behind a vehicle and one in a collision between two vehicles.

Five people were injured when running across the road, four when walking on the roadway, one in a collision between vehicles and three when jumping on or off, or falling off, a vehicle when in motion.

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another more frightful and senseless war than the last? Or has he adopted, with his dictatorship, Caesar's motto: "Si vis pacem, para bellum?"

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In that used by the ex-King of Siam at the British Industries Fair—"The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"—a moral may perhaps be detected. Its chief merit for the typewriting student, however, is that it employs every letter of the alphabet.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party" is in distinct contrast with

"Pacis six dozen liquor jugs."

For the modernist in literature a satisfactory phrase is perhaps the following: "Frowzy quacks jump, vex, and blight."

"Vex," "six" and "jump" appear

to be very useful to loosen the fingers.

For discouraged students there is the cheering maxim, "Quiet zeal and pluck won many a stubborn vexed fight."

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LORD DERBY'S BET

The Earl of Derby, at a dinner in London last month of the British Colour Council, told the following story:

"There was a time when green was the great fashion. I betted a friend that in a short motor drive we should pass at least 100 women wearing green. We did this, and I won my bet. Incidentally, I may mention that I had been over the course the day before."

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"Shall we have a friendly game of cards?"

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ARLISS ROLES

A Shakespearean scholar and former Oxford don is said to resemble Mr. George Arliss. Has it been noticed that he also resembles the Iron Duke, Disraeli and Cardinal Richelieu?

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MERCIFUL INDEED

A lecturer says that the most wonderful thing in the world is the difference in people's faces. After looking at one or two we should say it was the most merciful.

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THE MENU

Wherever I may happen to be, I always make a point of having a boiled shirt for dinner. — Letter in a weekly paper.

Oh, well, tastes differ.

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QUEEN'S

LAST TWO DAYS

ROLICKING COLLEGE MUSICAL
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Without doubt the gayest comedy
of this or any season!"HANDS ACROSS THE TABLE"
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Short Shots

IN "Captain January" the next release in which the "Miracle Child" Shirley Temple appears, she will dance with Buddy Ebsen (remembered in "Broadway Melody of 1936") and sing—not only in English, but in Chinese, French, Hawaiian and Russian. Guy Kibbe enacts the role of the old lighthouse keeper who saves the child from the wreck. Slim Summerville and June Lang are others in support.

Lennox Pawle, noted British stage actor and recently seen in many releases in Hollywood, died recently at the age of 62.

Laura La Plante, wife of Irving Astor, the head of Warners in London, has a daughter. She was the first wife of Director William Seiter, now the husband of Marian Nixon.

Max Baer, noted prizefighter who appeared with considerable success in the M.G.M. release "The Prizefighter and the Lady," intends returning to films and will make another bid for popularity as a cowboy in "Out West" pictures.

Max Reinhardt, the famous German producer who supervised the Warner version of "Midsummer Night's Dream," is now back in Hollywood to produce "Tales of Hoffmann."

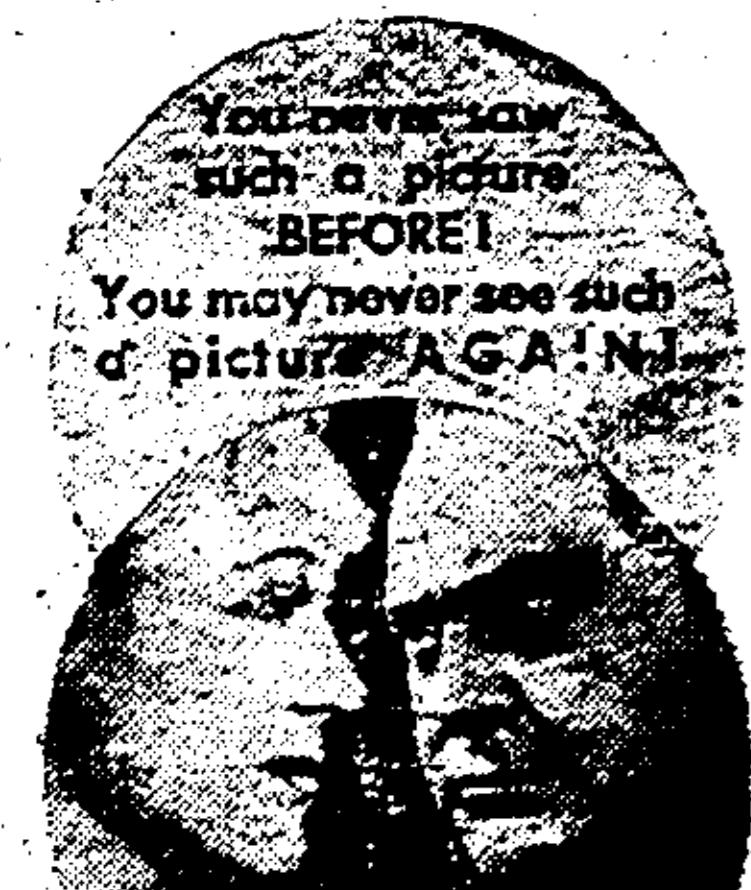
Herbert Marshall and Gertrude Michael will be co-starred in a Paramount film "Something to Live For." Rumour in Hollywood circles states that the ardent friendship between Marshall and Gloria Swanson seems to be cooling. Miss Swanson signed to Irving Thalberg (M.G.M.) many months ago but is still waiting for a chance in a picture.

Marie Prevost—well-known in the "silents"—was given a good chance in the Fred MacMurray film "Hands Across the Table," and is now in his

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EDDIE Cantor is not in the same field with Chaplin and the Marx Bros, but he knows the value of an expensive production, catchy songs, intricate dance ensembles, a worthwhile supporting cast and—what is most important to his picture's success—a bunch of beautiful girls. "Strike me Pink" varies little from his usual enjoyable entertainment. The clever little comedian rolls his big eyes expressively, sings with an Al Jolson voice and contrives to put over his numbers surrounded by a galaxy of beauty.

We saw his new leading lady—Ethel Merman—in his previous picture "Kid Millions," and this noted "blues" singer from the most famous night clubs on Broadway once more proves her worth in songs of the highly popular variety. In addition to Miss Merman, there are some splendid vaudeville turns, a full quota of really funny gags, a top-notch cast with such well-liked people as Sally Eilers, Brian Donlevy, Jack La Rue, William Frawley, Rio Rita and "Parkyakarkus."

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"Song And Dance Man"

We have to go back quite a few years to recall this highly popular "movie" with one-time idol Tom Moore and Beesie Love in the leading roles. Now we have Paul Kelly and Claire Trevor. All the old-time fascination of this story is here still in the up-to-the-minute talkie version and the two leading artists give splendid accounts of themselves.

This is the first time we have had Claire Trevor in songs and dances and she surprises and delights especially in a new dance the "Tarumba" with partner Klayton Kirby. Ruth Donnelly makes a sympathetic landlady with Michael Whalen satisfactory in the wealthy man interested in the career of the actress. Do not like to spoil your interest in this backstage story, but it is certainly worth seeing. (King's)

"Remember Last Night?"

A specially fine cast puts over this murder mystery in first-rate style, with wisecracks from beginning to end. When you know that among the well-known names in this Universal film you will find Constance Cummings, Sally Eilers, Robert Young, Edward Arnold, Arthur Treacher (who is the butler,

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Carole Lombard, as the girl, is exceptionally good, and her acting deserves the stellar billing she now enjoys. She has never looked lovelier either, although—for once—she has no chance to don gorgeous gowns.

The story tells how she captures a (supposedly) millionaire playboy, but to her consternation she finds he is intent on doing the same thing as herself—to marry money. They make a bargain that love will not enter into their friendship, and that each will keep to it. Ralph Bellamy, an invalid

injured in a plane smash, offers Carole everything she desires, but only after a series of misunderstandings does she realize that "Love in a Cottage" with her Fred is all she needs in this world.

Once more Miss Lombard proves her flair for comedy and assuredly tops a whole list of good performances with this one. Fred MacMurray and Ralph Bellamy are excellent in their respective roles, while Astrid Allwyn and Ruth Donnelly could not be better. I must not forget the cat who does his bit so well, and Marie Prevost, who staged a grand comeback as the plumpish friend of the heroine. This is a comedy that guarantees an enjoyable evening.

"I Live For Love"

A new kind of love story, co-starring exotic Dolores del Rio, with Everett Marshall (Metropolitan Opera star), while Guy Kibbee, Allen Jenkins, Bertie Churchill, Hobart Cavanaugh, Don Alvarado, and the vaudeville turn of Shaw and Lee help considerably in the enjoyment. Busby Berkeley, famous dance director, has the whole thing in his charge and in this romantic comedy-with-music adds to his reputation.

The plot carries us behind the scenes of a broadcasting station and an Opera House. Miss del Rio is a temperamental diva who thinks she is in love with a fellow-countryman (Don Alvarado) till she meets a famous Radio star, played by Everett Marshall. It is then her troubles start, but ultimately we find the spoilt darling considerably tamed and no doubt happy.

There are some very catchy original numbers rendered by Mr. Marshall, and he proves himself at home on the screen as he was at the Metropolitan and Broadway Musicals.

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There is much wisecracking, plenty of dancing, crowds of pretty girls in every kind of dance routine, four amusing comedians and delightful performances from Miss Langford, Betty Grable and Jane Cooper, among many others.

First-rate entertainment of its unique type of detective story, (Continued on Page 12)

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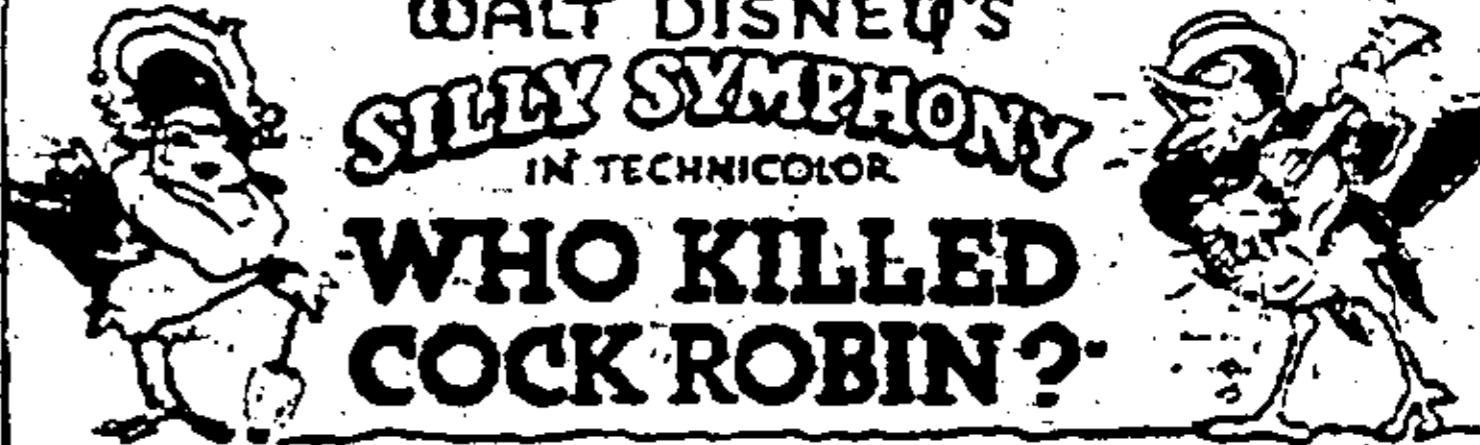
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"Caught In New Whirlpool"

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In political circles the general objections to the German proposals are summed up as follows:

(1) It is not clear whether the new Locarno proposed by Germany is reconcilable with the mutual assistance pacts.

(2) The limitation of air armaments seems to have been eliminated from the suggested air pact.

(3) Germany is willing to return to the League of Nations, but only under the condition that its treaty infringements shall be ignored.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT

The distinctive character of the comments appearing in each of the leading French newspapers proves conclusively that very exhaustive consideration is being given the German peace proposals by every section of the French public opinion, and is due to the caution being taken against hasty conclusions.

The *Paris Midi* emphasises in yesterday's leader that a purely negative attitude at this juncture would less than ever be sufficient to save the future.

The paper writes: "Herr Hitler has broken with the traditional methods of diplomacy. He repudiates the kid-glove methods of the Chancellories and rejects even improvised conferences that do more than have their value. The Fuehrer appeals directly to the peoples themselves. He cites them as witnesses to his policy and his intentions, and invites them to plebiscites. The most effective part of the proposals is probably that about humanising war conditions, for such catch phrases always find an echo in the hearts of the masses, above all in Anglo-Saxon countries."

DIFFERENT ATTITUDE

The paper then declares that the attitude that will be taken up by France towards the German proposals will certainly be different from that of England.

"Herr Hitler's memorandum is an affront to the Quai d'Orsay, because it is not in the proper juristic form and the contents are unsatisfactory, because the step of March 7 is not annulled."

"London, on the other hand, will not reply with a categorical 'no,' but will negotiate and will alter, but not reject. In the meanwhile the ideas put forward by Herr Hitler will have their effect on the whole world. Aged Europe is once more caught in a whirlpool. Austria is rearmed. Hungary and Bulgaria are eager to do so. Turkey has already reopened the question of the Dardanelles. Italy proclaims its latest victory as a joint defeat of England and the League of Nations. Europe appears to be entering upon an epoch heavily infested with the germs of revolution."

The *Intransigent* still speaks of a "German menace," and comes to the conclusion that the circle of those taking part in the discussions must be widened, because the German threat affects many more than the Locarno Powers.

BELGIAN COMMENT

Brussels: The German Memorandum is published in full in all the Belgian papers, the headings mostly drawing attention to the conciliatory character of the proposals and to Germany's insistence on complete and immediate recognition of equality of rights.

Up to the present, only a few papers have made editorial comments on the German peace plan. The *Vingtième Siècle* stresses that Herr Hitler has not departed one inch from the policy of March 7. The paper describes the proposal to hold a referendum in France and Belgium as "illusory," since everybody knows that the political system of Western Europe does not admit referendums being carried out in the manner organised in Germany.

The paper adds that Belgium will examine the German proposals with an open mind, since they constitute a new comprehensive system of security for Western Europe. Belgium wishes Germany to be treated fairly, but at the same time it must not be forgotten that special bonds unite Belgium and certain other countries.

EXCEPTION TO POINT 15

The *Étoile Belge* takes exception to point 15 in the German proposals, that in the press and other publications anything calculated to injure the relationship between France and Belgium and Germany be eliminated, the paper considering this suggestion as an

infringement of the liberty of the press.

The uncompromisingly negative attitude taken by the right-wing Nation Belge is evidenced by a protest against Germany being granted equal rights—Trans-Ocean Service.

French Press Views

GOVERNMENT NOT EXPECTED TO ACT IN HURRY

Paris: The French Foreign Office declines to make any comment on Hitler's proposals since as the Press points out, a document of such importance requires careful examination, which the officials at the Quai d'Orsay began to do on Wednesday night.

Political circles here believe that the Government may define its attitude to-day, after M. Flandin has conferred on the subject with his colleagues in the Cabinet.

Several papers, however, show less reserve than is being exercised in official quarters. The *Petit Journal* thinks that the proposals enumerated in the second part of the German Memorandum will probably make a considerable impression on certain circles in London and Brussels but the French Government will not act in a hurry.

URGE FOR DEFENSIVE MEASURE
Le Matin declares that the German Chancellor merely puts forward, in a new form, the proposals conceived in the same spirit as his former ones, while the *Echo de Paris* demands that M. Flandin should inform the British Government that since the Locarno Powers' proposals of March 11 have already been rejected by Germany, it was now up to France to come to a decision as to whether, in the words of Mr. Anthony Eden, she is ready to approach, with an open mind, the problems which still separate her from Germany. The paper points out that Mr. Eden added significantly that otherwise even Britain could not ensure peace.

FLANDIN CONVENES CONFERENCE

IMPORTANT MEETING TO-DAY

Paris: The *Oeuvre*'s foreign political editor claims authority for stating that a conference of the most important French Ambassadors in Europe has been convened by M. Flandin for to-day, in Paris, in order to discuss the German proposals and their diplomatic repercussions.—Trans-Ocean Service.

EDEN STATEMENT TO-DAY

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GERMANY'S DESIRE FOR PEACE FOREMOST

Berlin: The German Press is entirely preoccupied with the German Peace Plans which, as the National-Socialist central organ, *Volksischer Beobachter*, points out, is based on the German nation's overwhelming profession of faith in Hitler, as proclaimed in the elections on March 29, and which therefore must be regarded as a "clear-cut programme of a clear-cut purpose."

The existing difficulties, so the paper continues, can and must be removed, and this can only be accomplished by joint efforts. The German plan is merely a sincere desire on all sides for the rapid realisation of peace. The broad-mindedness of its conception, as well as the seriousness of its determination to attain true peace leads one to hope that Europe is on the threshold of a new era in its history.

The *Berliner Lokalanzeiger* declares that even the most suspicious critic must admit that "the German Peace Plan constitutes a generous attempt because it is not led."—Reuter.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Four cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one of enteric fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended last Wednesday.

A practice parade was held inside the Racecourse, Happy Valley, yesterday morning by the naval and military forces. It is understood the parade was in connection with the Review which will be held in the near future.

The Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong with Mrs. Hall and baby son, left the Colony yesterday afternoon by the m.v. Canton for England on leave.

The *Cunard-White Star* liner *Franconia*, third and last of the round-the-world cruise liners to call here this season, is due tomorrow morning from Manila. She will remain until Monday afternoon, proceeding on to Shanghai on her way to New York.

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"I SERVE"

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Replying to the addresses the King said: "As Prince of Wales I adopted the motto 'I Serve.' I will strive for the peace of the world and for the betterment of industry and agriculture in the country, so that everyone may have a chance to work, a right which every citizen should enjoy."—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NO HIGHER FUNCTION

London: His Majesty the King received at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning deputations numbering in all about 500 persons, bringing loyal addresses of congratulation on his accession from a score or more of privileged public bodies representing all sections of the community.

Result Of Assault

The next witness was Chief Warden Fitzgerald of Lai Chi Kok Prison, who stated that the deceased prisoner was serving a term of nine months' imprisonment and that he was transferred from the Victoria Gaol to Lai Chi Kok on December 12. At

10.30 a.m. on February 18 he was admitted to the prison hospital suffering from a wound in the right leg. It had been reported to him that the deceased had been assaulted by another prisoner.

The prisoner was attended by a dresser and Dr. G. H. Henry, Medical Officer of Kowloon Hospital, was called and also attended him. Dr. Henry recommended his immediate transfer to the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said that the case might develop into a serious charge and would require investigation. He asked for an adjournment, and the date of the next hearing was fixed for Friday, April 17, at 2.30 p.m.

FARM WORKER SENTENCED

Prison For Cruelty To Pigs

With all sincerity, therefore, I not only join in your prayers that the future may bring peace and prosperity to this country, but I would assure you that my constant endeavor will be to promote the establishment of peace throughout the world and the revival of that commercial and industrial activity, both in this country and abroad, that alone can provide the opportunity to work which it is the right of every citizen to enjoy.... I know that in this task I shall have, as my father had, the support and encouragement of all classes of the community."—British Wireless Service.

ETHIOPIAN VICTORY

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SECURITY GUARANTEE

London: Later: Mr. Eden received the French and Belgian Ambassadors at the Foreign Office last evening and handed them a letter guaranteeing the French and Belgian security against aggression if conciliation fails, and also a letter which it is understood, referred to the political limits to which the scope of the Staff talks must be confined.

It is pointed out that the reciprocal obligations provided for in the first letter can only operate after the three Governments have decided that conciliation has failed.

During the absence of Bishop R. O. Hall on leave the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, of St. Stephen's Boys' College, Stanley, will act as his Commissioner, but all correspondence should be addressed to Bishop's House.

The sea Kidderport is expected here from Moji next Tuesday afternoon.

It is noticed that the final lecture in First Aid will be delivered Dr. D. J. Valentine, D.D.M.S., at the St. John Ambulance Headquarters this evening at 5.30.

On their first visit to the Far East, the famous German Variety Show, comprising G. Haller, trick and comedy cyclist Lydia Haller, and Little Mary, "the girl without bones," will commence a short season at the Central Theatre tomorrow, when they will occupy the stage in conjunction with the screening of the Universal film "Dangerous Waters."—Trans-Ocean Service.

ABYSSINIAN REVERSE

ASMARIA: The battle which took place on Tuesday to the south of Amara, Asmara, is described by Italian officers here as the greatest since the outbreak of the war.

It is believed that the Abyssinian Headquarters must have received the news that an attack was to be made on April 6, and so launched an offensive on March 31, to the north of Lake Ashangi.

About 40,000 Abyssinians on the Abyssinian side, and of these 7,000 were left on the battle field.

The Italian losses were comparatively small. A great number of machine-guns were active on the Abyssinian side but the Italians were more than compensated by

the skill and activity of their airmen.—Trans-Ocean Service.

INQUEST ON PRISONER

Grave Charge May Develop

HEARING POSTPONED

An enquiry into the circumstances of the death of Tsui Tong, a prisoner, who died at the Government Civil Hospital at 12.45 p.m. yesterday, was held at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. S. F. Balfour act as Coroner and was assisted by the following jurors: Messrs. H. A. Pearson (foreman), E. G. Dale and Kong Ko-woon.

Dr. L. Newton, Government Medical Officer, said that at 12.20 p.m. on February the 18th, the prisoner, Tsui Tong, was admitted to hospital from the Lai Chi Kok prison. He had a cut on the right knee, just below the knee cap, about 4 to 5 inches long. On February 20 an operation was performed by witness, closing the rent on the knee joint. On March 5 another operation had to be performed and the knee joint was washed and the wound drained. A further incision was made by Dr. Thomas.

The general condition of the deceased grew worse and he died yesterday at 12.45 p.m. This morning a post mortem was performed and it was found that the joint was still full of pus, but there was no other evidence of disease. The cause of death was suppurative arthritis of the knee joint. The body was identified by Chief Warden Fitzgerald in his presence and that of Sub-Inspector Donovan.

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MILITARY FUNERAL

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The funeral of Sergeant C. A. Layzell, of the 20th Heavy Battery, R.A., which occurred at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, on Wednesday, after a brief illness, took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, with full military honours. The deceased, who was 40 years of age, is survived by his widow, who is in the Colony, and a father in England.

The Rev. G. H. Bateman, Senior Chaplain to the Forces, conducted the service. The coffin, which was carried in motor hearse, was draped with a Union Jack, with deceased's cap and belt on top. The band of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles, was in attendance; there were also present a firing party from deceased's Battery who fired three volleys over the grave, as well as two buglers from the same unit who sounded "The Last Post" and "The Reveille."

The chief mourner was deceased's widow. Amongst the officers present were Major J. S. Drennan representing Lt.-Col. M. Carrington-Sykes, Commanding Officer of the Royal Artillery; Major R. Gill, Major F. L. F. Roupell, Capt. W. Rycroft, Lieut. D. Kayll, Lieut. L. C. Marion and Lieut. Marsh. A large number of deceased's comrades were also present, including a representative party from the 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Floral Tributes

A wreath from the widow was lowered into the grave together with the coffin, while other floral tributes sent included those from "Dad, Lily Ted and George," "Meg and Glyn," Lieut.-Col. M. Carrington-Sykes, Major and Mrs. F. L. F. Roupell, Major and Mrs. Gill, Capt. and Mrs. W. Rycroft, Lieut. and Mrs. D. Kayll;

B. S. M. and Mrs. Bland, Sergt. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. M. A. Cairns, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Cheeterman, R.A.O.C., B.S.M. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. Green Sergt. and Mrs. Jarman, Gunner and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell and Ellen, Bdr. and Mrs. Short, Gunner and Mrs. Smallwood, Bdr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tutchings, Mr. and Mrs. Tribble, Sergt. and Mrs. Vicens, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Warren and Bo.oy, Master Gunner and Mrs. Whittett, Mr. T. W. Young;

C. R. A. and Officers, Headquarters, China Command; O. C. and Officers, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.; All ranks, 20th Heavy Battery, R.A.; O. C. and Officers, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; Other ranks, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; O. C. and Officers, 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.; All ranks, 24th Heavy Battery, R.A.; All ranks, Headquarters, 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A.; Officers and all ranks, 9th A. A. Battery, R.A.; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Stonecutters; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Kowloon; Members, R.A. Sergeants Mess, Lyemun; H. Q. R. A. Sergeants Mess; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Stonecutters; Junior N.C.O.s' Club, Lyemun; All ranks, 2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regt; Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 1st Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles; Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps; Staff of W/T Station, Stonecutters; No. 27 Coy, Royal Army Medical Corps; Dodwell and Co., Ltd., and others.

UNIVERSITY'S LOSS**Mr. M. A. Cooper Dies In Hospital**

The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital shortly after 7 p.m. on Wednesday, of Mr. M. A. Cooper, B. Com., Lecturer on Economics at Hong Kong University.

The late Mr. Cooper, who was only 31 years of age, first came to the Colony in 1930 when he was appointed a member of the staff of the University. He had been in indifferent health for some time following a nervous breakdown shortly after his return from leave a few months ago. Of a quiet disposition, and of sterling qualities, the late Mr. Cooper was extremely well-liked by those who knew him, and the fact that he was held in high esteem by the undergraduates and staff of the



Ouslow Stevens, Ann Sothern and Edmund Lowe are the principals in the Columbia production, "Grand Exit," which will soon be shown at the Alhambra Theatre.

EAST LANCS. AGAIN ANNEX JUNIOR TITLE

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win. Kong Hing is the only forward in the Police team who will attempt to shoot, though Chau, Wing-kan and Wong Tok-fook are also dangerous when on form.

The European Police will have the Saints' left-back, barge frequent and Costa, Green back in the forward line sustained a broken neck when he against the Railway, but unless was tipped over after leaving the they improve in their shooting, it ground in an attempt to head away would cause no surprise if a high ball. The Saints, however, Railway held them to a draw. were equally to blame.

Manning and Salter are good in their defence, while Willis and Terret are two hard-working

There were very few outstanding players, the backs on both sides being up to standard, the Chinese covering their colleagues well, while Hussain and Costa used their heads to advantage.

Elms was the pick of the losers' Medicals to-morrow, and are including a number of schoolboys in the team. The Medicals are uncertain of their team as several of their players have left by the Neuralia, among whom was Pym, their goal-scorer.

EUROPEAN POLICE LOSE FAST GAME

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On yesterday's display, it was difficult to believe that the Police are occupying a position so low in the League. The whole team played well, but the performances of Manning, in goal, and Morrison, at inside-right, were outstanding.

A "Find"
Morrison is undoubtedly a "find." He combined well with Rose, on the right wing, while Green and Willerton also shone among the forwards.

The first half was evenly contested, there being no score. A misunderstanding between the Police backs allowed Crossley to defect the ball past Manning, and the same player scored soon after. Crossley netted his third goal to complete his "hat-trick" just before time.

EAST LANCS. CHALLENGE ROYAL NAVY

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Omar, and Hamet are their most dangerous forwards.

Recreio's Losses

Recreio should prove no match for the Engineers and more so since several of their players will be required by the senior team.

On Sunday two postponed fixtures will be played, when the Fusiliers meet the Athletic at Soekunpo, and Eastern clash with the combined R.A.O.C. and R.A.S.C. team, in both cases the military teams should win.

University was evidenced by his recent election as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Arts Association for the ensuing year. He was also a former President of the University Law and Commerce Society.

During his residence in the Colony, the late Mr. Cooper took an active interest in charitable and philanthropic work, and in particular he will be remembered for his untiring and devoted energies in the interests of the Society for the Protection of Children.

The funeral will take place to-day, passing the monument at 5.15 a first-time exponent.

UGLY SCENES AT SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER MATCH

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Few Outstanding

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halves.

Owing to the probability of Joaquinho and Sprinkle being needed for their senior team, the Saints have been hard pressed to field a representative team against the

Medicals to-morrow, and are including a number of schoolboys in the team. The Medicals are uncertain of their team as several of

their players have left by the Neuralia, among whom was Pym, their goal-scorer.

BIG PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

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Excellent Cabaret

As necessary arrangements have to be made, it is regretted that last-minute applications cannot be entertained. An excellent Cabaret

is being produced at the Dance which follows the Dinner, and the reservations show that there will be a record attendance.

The teams are:

Soccer players v Rugby players (To

be played with Rugby ball and soccer

goal posts, half an hour each way)

Soccer XIV:—G. Rodger; E. G.

Drown, F. Fowler, E. L. Strange; G.

I. Shaw, B. Greenberg, G. Milne and

G. Millington; E. Hineworth, A. Mc-

Kellar, L. E. Lamont, G. Elliott, A.

Wilson and J. K. Sloan.

Rugby XIV:—A. F. Walkden; J. S.

Dunnell, D. Hynes and S. C. Cham-

bers; K. A. Munro, S. H. Garrod, L.

G. Robertson and B. Hynes; W. E.

Peers, H. F. Hopkins, J. Hutchinson,

P. C. Frost and H. D. Bidwell.

Soccer Old Crocks v. Rest (Ten

minutes each way).

Old Crocks:—W. Fogwill; H. G.

Wallington and C. W. E. Bishop; A.

H. McBride, A. Macfarlane, S. O.

Hill, W. L. Alexander, B. Bell, L.

Goldman, T. S. D. Berg and J. Rod-

ger.

The Rest:—G. Payne, F. S. Nicholls

and N. Sykes; P. Stevens, K. Forrester

and N. O. Other; J. Leppard, A. L.

Fisher, T. A. Pearce, B. L. Bickford

and E. Fowler.

Referee: Mr. J. Skinner.

Rugby Old Crocks v. The Rest (Ten

minutes each way).

Old Crocks:—Dr. J. H. McElroy,

A. Sommerfelt, D. S. Robb, F. V.

Griffiths and D. McLellan; A. C. I.

Bowler and Dr. J. A. R. Selby; W.

F. Leckie, K. S. Robertson, W. R. N.

Andrews, J. Middleton-Smith; M.

G. O'Connor, C. Austin, G. F. Rees and

E. Miller.

The Rest:—D. G. Barlow, P. J.

McGugan, E. B. Gammie, M. W.

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Walkden; W. E. Peers, H. D. Bidwell,

H. R. McGilchrist, J. L. Bonnar, H.

W. Hawket, W. Stoker, S. H. Gar-

rod and L. G. Robertson.

Referee: Mr. D. W. Macawen.

Wanklin, on his right flank, should

particularly be remembered for his untiring and devoted

bility, best served by Bow-

forwards, fast as the latter may

be. It is quite on the cards that

the St. Joseph's will win, but as the

former is a very dangerous man and

Saints are a team who are capable

of playing very steady soccer,

draw will not come altogether as

Talbot, at centre-half, with a surprise.

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE PROPOSALS

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There are many others, raising the question of the utility of battleships, the ability of the Air Service to take over the military protection of colonies and dependencies, the actual replacement of the Army by the Air Force as an expeditionary force.

Excessive Pretensions

One has an uneasy feeling that many of these pretensions, when exhaustively tested and studied, may be found to be excessive. But until this has been done they are conducive to endless friction and dispersion of effort. They are a total obstacle to any co-ordinated plan.

One could hardly expect the First Sea Lord or the Chief of the Imperial General Staff to be enthusiastic about a number of such claims, and the decision must therefore go in the first instance to the deputy-chairman, or perhaps finally to the Committee of Imperial Defence itself.

Without good will no administrative machinery will work; where it exists difficulties can be overcome. The solution is not ideal, but it does safeguard the responsibilities of the Chiefs of Staff while providing for all concerned a body in constant session for the study of combined strategy which does not at present exist.

Apart from the somewhat vague suggestion of a strengthening of the Secretariat, there is one other clause in the duties of the deputy-chairman which may give opportunities for the provision of a real advisory body if it has not already been done. It runs:

It should not be impossible to collect a body of officers who can think objectively and help the chairman and the Chiefs of Staff with advice. The great advantage is that the ever-changing problem of combined strategy would be kept under continuous review and looked at as a whole. It would, in fact, be little more than an enlarged Joint Planning Committee in permanent session.

Abuses Might Threaten

There are, doubtless, objections to such a solution. It is possible that abuses might creep in. A powerful Minister might try to play off the Secretariat against the Chiefs of Staff and vice versa.

It might, in fact, be used as the Army Department was used by the Viceroy in the old days of the Curzon-Kitchener controversy, to supply him with the arguments to defeat the Commander-in-Chief.

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It will be the duty of the deputy-chairman to make such recommendations as he thinks fit for improving the organisation of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

It will be possible within these wide terms for the new Minister to recommend such increases in the secretariat and the assumption of such new duties for it as from the results of his experience he may deem necessary.

It is our instinct to move by evolution rather than by revolution. 1924 brought the Chiefs of Staff Committee, 1936 will vastly improve the organisation by building on what is already there. It may be that a further step will still be necessary as the fruits

THE FADED ALIBI

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"What do you mean?" demanded Forbes irritably.

"Just this. There is blood smeared thickly along some four inches of the cane, but there is not a particle on the undersides of the cane."

"If the cane had struck the blows, and only two were struck, the blood would be in two distinct patches or in one not more than an inch and a half or two inches at the outside. The force of the blows would have squashed the blood into every crevice of the cane, yet we find here that this is not so."

"Well, what about that?" demanded the puzzled inspector.

"Seems clear enough to me," broke in Tommy Burke. "The cane was rubbed on the dead man's head afterwards, that's why none of it got into the points; it was only smeared on the outside curve."

"Quite, Tommy," nodded Hawke. "And, what is more, there are no signs of anything but blood: some fragments of skin or hair should also be present."

"In addition the weapon which struck down Ezra Walker was a very heavy, shorthanded, blunted instrument; at a guess, I'd say a big spanner; and it was used by a left-handed man, not above average height. The position of the wounds show that."

"And he had pink eyes and blue teeth!" said Forbes sarcastically.

"Perhaps he did," Hawke grinned. "Now, I'd like to have a word with the prisoner, if I may."

They found Jim Hardy sitting on the hard bed looking the picture of misery, but when Hawke introduced himself he brightened up at once.

"The old mater said she'd get you, but I never thought you'd come, sir," he blurted out.

"Tell me your story as briefly as possible but don't leave out the smallest detail however unimportant it may seem to you," said Hawke.

Hardy leaned against the wall.

"Then, Mr. Hawke, it's like this. I'm the lift attendant at the Shaftesbury Avenue offices, and Walker & Goldman's office is on the top floor.

"I finish at 6.30, and the lift is locked up until I come on duty again at eight next morning. Tonight I took a gentleman up about 6.5, or perhaps 6.10, to the fourth floor, and went up to the top floor after I'd seen him out."

"When I got there the cleaner, Mr. Harris, asked me to nip down and get an evening paper. I went down in the lift and got it from the boy who sells them just outside the building. The cleaner had started on the offices at the other end of the corridor, so I went along and gave him the paper."

"As I came back and was passing Walker & Goldman's I heard a sort of thud, and then a cry of 'Help!' half-strangled, and not very loud. I immediately seized the handle, but the door was locked, and though I hammered on the door for a minute or two, I got no answer. I knew that Mr. Walker was still there, and I got the wind up about him."

"I rushed into the room. Harris was cleaning, and told him what I'd heard, but as he's a bit deaf, and the cry was so low, he had not heard a thing. We decided to phone for the police, and when they came, and went in through Mr. Goldman's office, which has a separate door from the main office, they found Mr. Walker dead."

Jim Hardy paused, and Hawke asked a question.

"Why didn't you think of going in through the other door yourself? Because it was locked, sir. I tried it, as Harris can prove."

Hawke frowned.

"And yet the police found it open only a few minutes after," he remarked.

"Very strange, Hardy."

How do you account for it?"

Hardy shook his head in despair.

"I can't, sir," he replied. "Same as I can't account for my hat being in the room, and my finger-prints being on the stick."

"Where do you keep your hat when you are on duty?"

"In the little cupboard at the end of the corridor, sir."

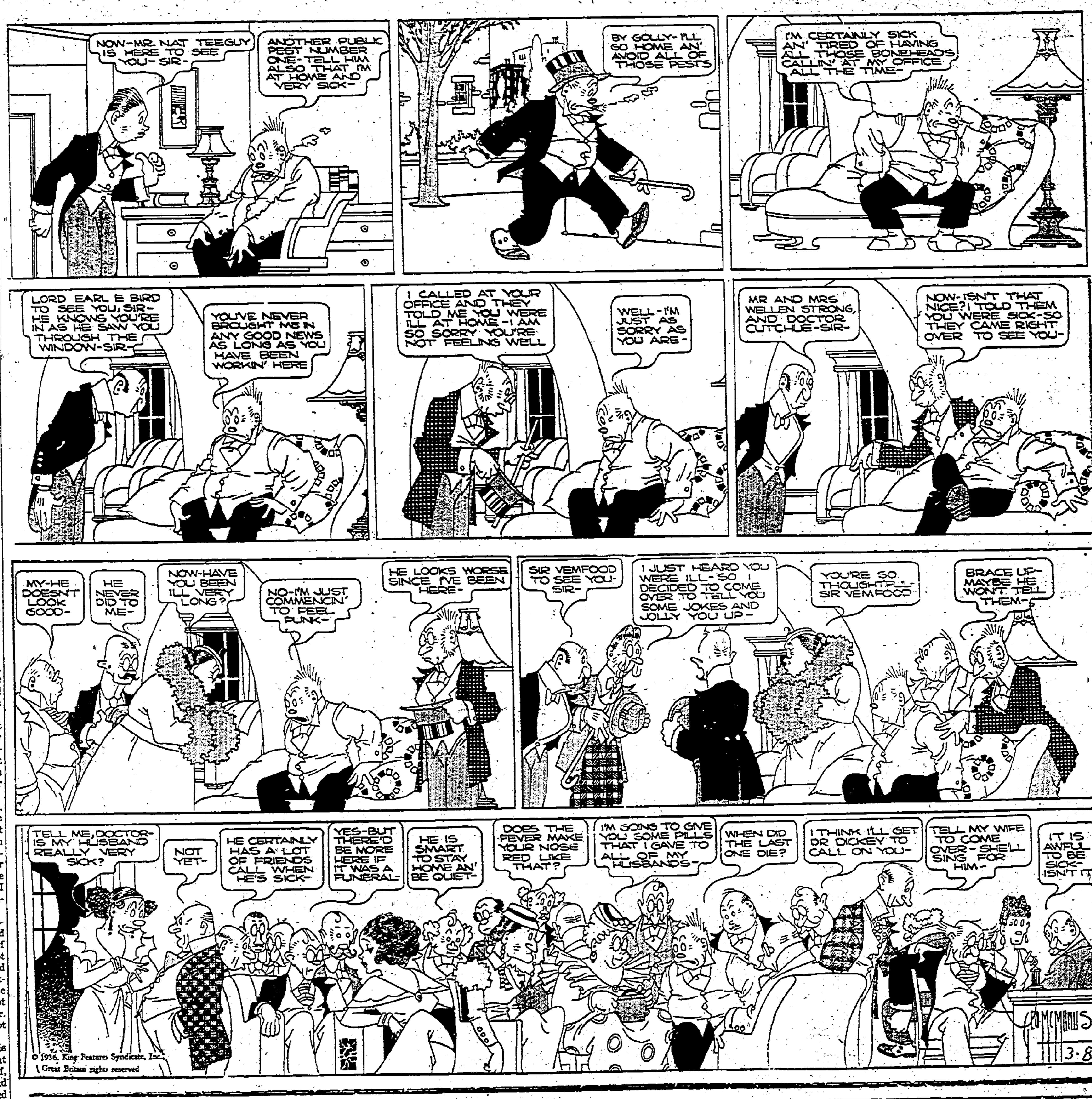
Hawke fingered his long chin as he stood thoughtfully at the ceiling.

"Who was this man you took up about five minutes past six?" he demanded presently. "Did you know him?"

"No, sir, never set eyes on him before. He was a thick-set gentleman, not so tall as me, with a heavy black beard and dark glasses. He wanted the Premier Insurance Company and when I told him that they left at six sharp, he said they were expecting him, and would wait for him."

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Bringing Up Father



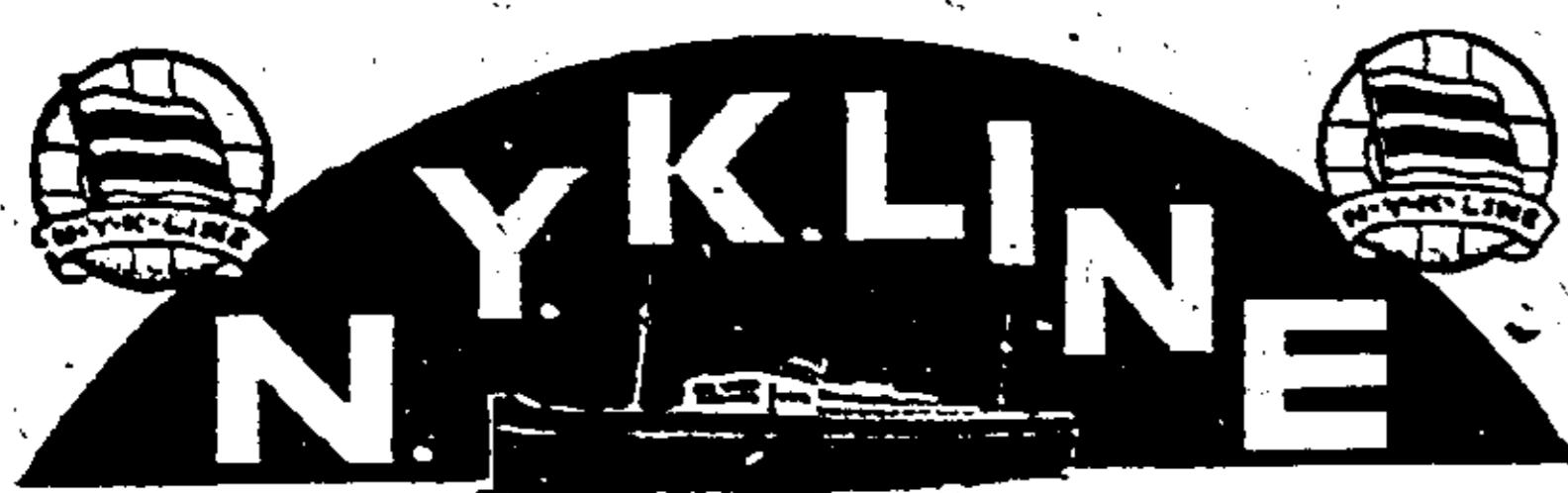
Rosie's Beau

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TALKIE TALKS

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"Grand Exit" tells in a breezy and charming fashion of the romantic exploits of the two stars. Erle Kenton directs, and some exciting scenes at sensational fires are the highlight of the film. (Alhambra).

"King Of Burlesque" Twentieth Century-Fox deserve credit for making this old-time back-stage movie into a worthwhile show. Warner Baxter is as attractive as he was in "42nd St." with chief pals Jack Oakie and Alice Faye. The star turns are Nick Long, Dixie Dunbar, Garth Joplin and others. Here is a film that can be heartily recommended. More of this later. Due at the King's.

Oriental "Becky Sharp," the much-disussed Technicolour film starring Miriam Hopkins. Certainly worth seeing, although the supporting cast is hardly worthy of the star.

Followed by one of the few great films—"Mutiny on the Bounty," a grim, thrilling, authentic sea-drama that is a triumph of acting and production. Charles Laughton, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone give performances that rank with the best the screen has given us. Frank Lloyd's direction is perfect and he handles every situation with the greatest skill. This is a picture to be seen at least twice to appreciate thoroughly its exceptional appeal.

The film that comes next, a Warner musical starring Rudy Vallee and Anne Dvorak, is good entertainment of its type, and easily the best talkie that Vallee, the idol of Cabaret and Radio in the States, has given us. Anne Dvorak, too, has a part that gives her a grand chance. (Oriental).

Star, Kowloon

"Call of the Wild," starring Clark Gable, Loretta Young and Jack Oakie; but all honours are stolen by an uncannily clever dog. It is a hearty Jack London adventure story and makes for first-class entertainment—if you like this-type of picture.

Charles Laughton, Fredric March and an enormous cast are to be the next attraction in "Les Misérables." This means box-office wherever it is shown, but I would hardly recommend it for the squeamish, nor for those who want to see first-class acting. At least it is spectacular and tells Victor Hugo's melodramatic story with a good deal of suspense and some excitement.

For one night "Transatlantic Merry-Go-Round" is being shown. With an exceptionally long cast including Gene Raymond, Nancy Carroll, Jack Benny, Sid Silvers, Sydney Blackmer, Shirley Grey, Ralph Morgan and many more in a film that gives a little of crime, romance, humour and musical spectacle, well blended in a "Grand Hotel" style.

Bette Davis, who recently won the Highest Award in the film colony, is an actress worth seeing no matter how trivial the picture

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SHOOTING AT THE STARS



"Remember Last Night" will be showing at the Alhambra Theatre to-day and to-morrow.



Eddie Cantor and Ethel Merman are in the Samuel Goldwyn production, "Strike Me Pink," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.



Sally Eilers, Eddie Cantor and William Frawley are in the Samuel Goldwyn production, "Strike Me Pink," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

KING'S COLLEGE MAGAZINE

March Number Issued

The issue of King's College Magazine for March has reached us and it well lives up to its tenet of "For the students, by the students, and of the students," though articles by the staff are by no means unacceptable."

There is a great deal of reading matter, consisting of essays, articles, poetry, notes and news, and most of it reaches a high standard. As usual, the magazine is bi-lingual, there being also a section printed in Chinese.

Present and past students of King's College will find much to interest them in the latest issue, which amply satisfies the high standard the publication has set itself in the past.

may be. In "Front Page Woman" she is co-starred with George Brent in another of those popular newspaper stories in which, as rival reporters, they find adventure and romance. Certainly a varied line-up with universal appeal to the "fans" (Star).

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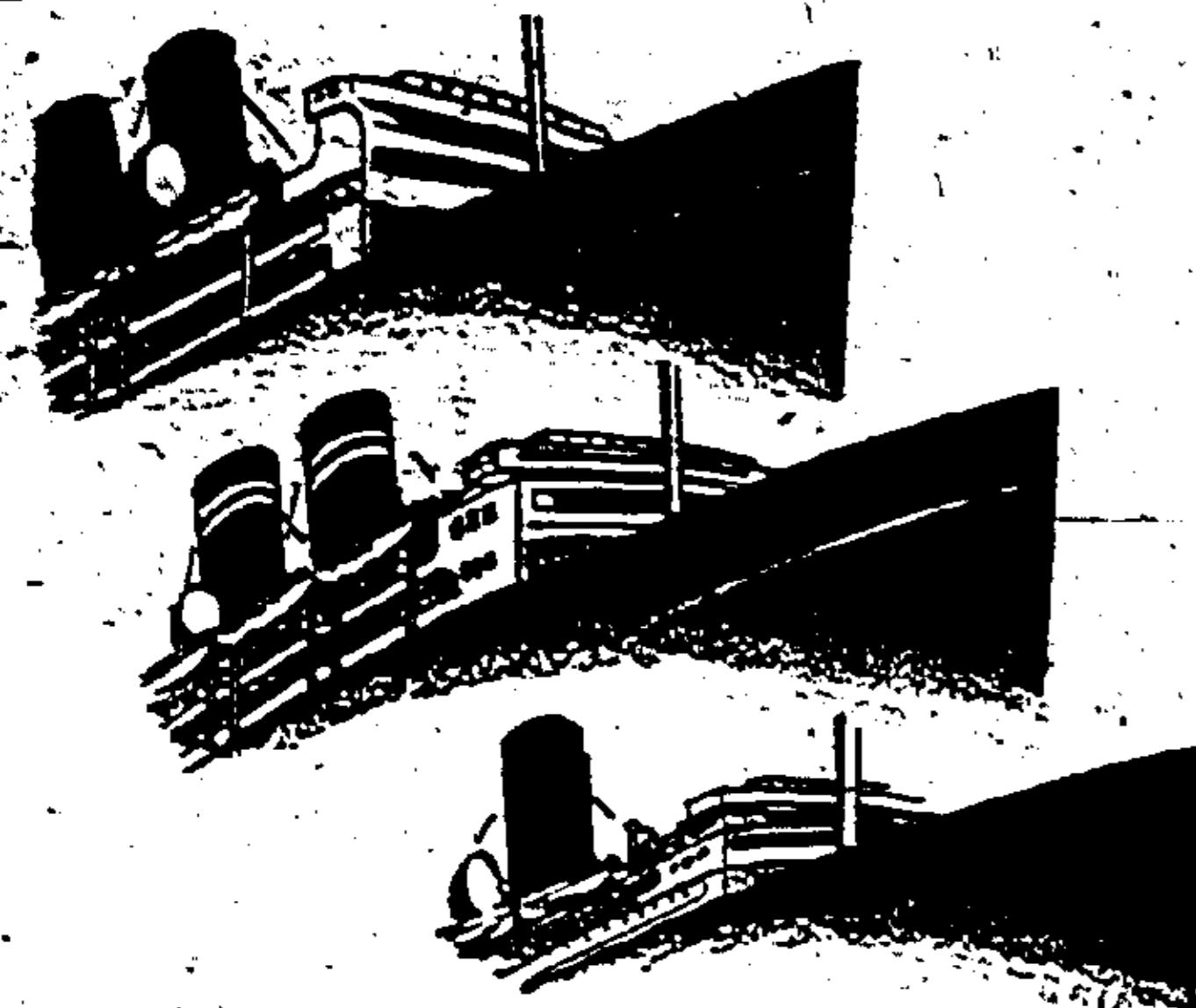
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"Hm! What sort of a stick was he carrying?" Dixon Hawke shot the question at Hardy like a pistol-crack, and the young man blinked as if he had been struck. But suddenly a light of understanding dawned in his eyes.

"By Jove, sir, I remember now! It was a cane, and, what's more, I dropped it on the lift floor, and I picked it up for him."

Inspector Forbes sniffed. Tommy Cheek up, lad," he said kindly. "Things are not so black as they seem."

"Do you really believe that yarn, Hawke?" asked Forbes, when they were back in the inspector's room.

"Black beard and dark glasses and picking up the stick, which last a little bit accounts for that young blackguard's prints being on it! Bah!"

"Forbes said he was down in the country on business," said Hawke. "He will first learn the news from the newspapers, I expect, unless the police get in touch with him before Hullo, more mud!"

The traces of mud which the keen eyes of the detective had spotted were so small that Tommy at first did not see them, but a brief examination convinced him that it was the same type of Kent hop soil as the original lump they had found in the cupboard.

Hawke did not bother to make any closer observation, but crossed to the door and looked out. From this place it was impossible to see either the lift or the main door of the Walker & Goldman offices, as the corridor took a right-angled bend.

"Bit of a shock for Goldman when he comes back," remarked Tommy. "Wonder where he is?"

"Forbes said he was down in the rear," asked Hawke.

"Have you found Goldman yet?"

"Farewells," said Hawke.

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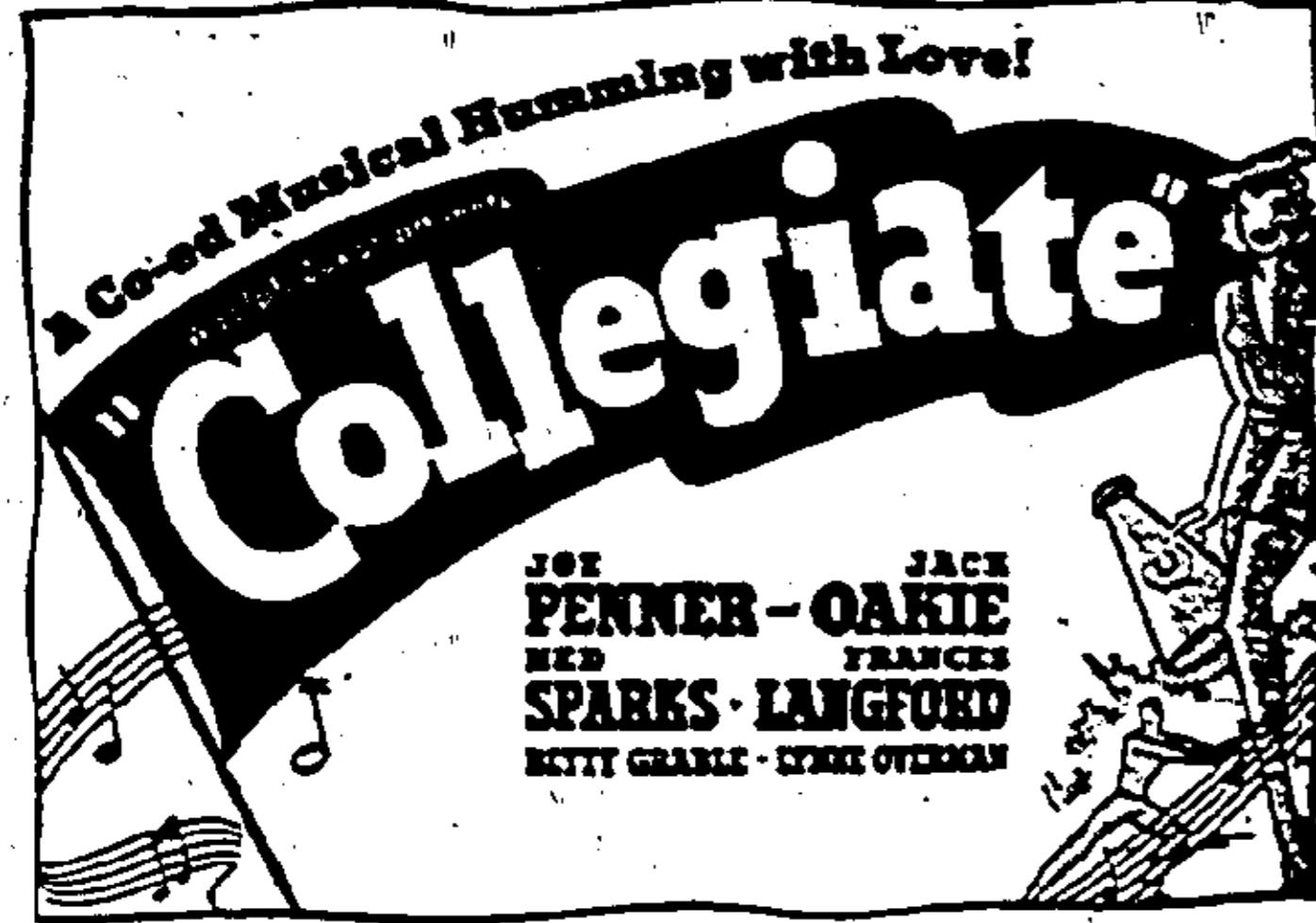
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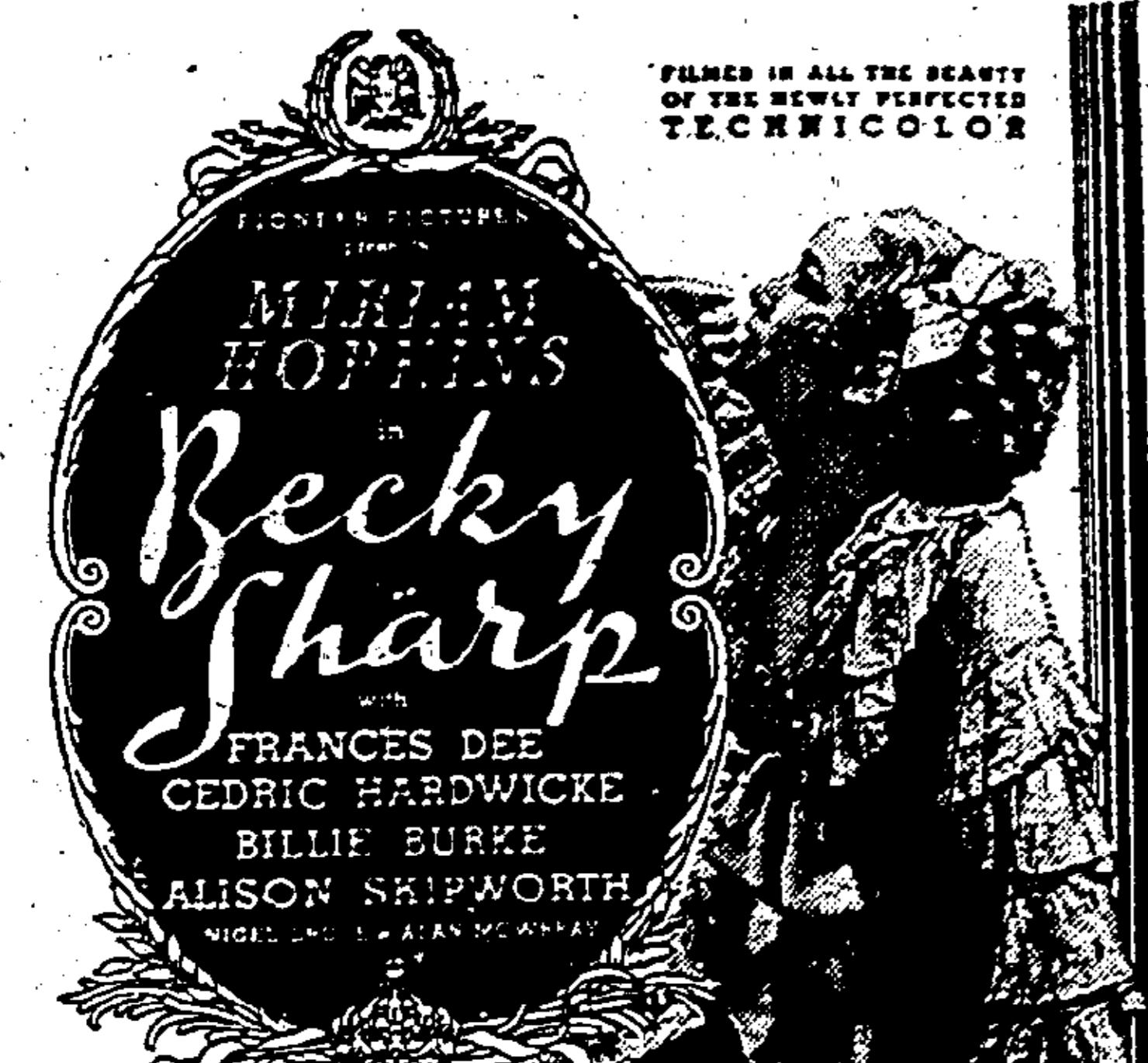
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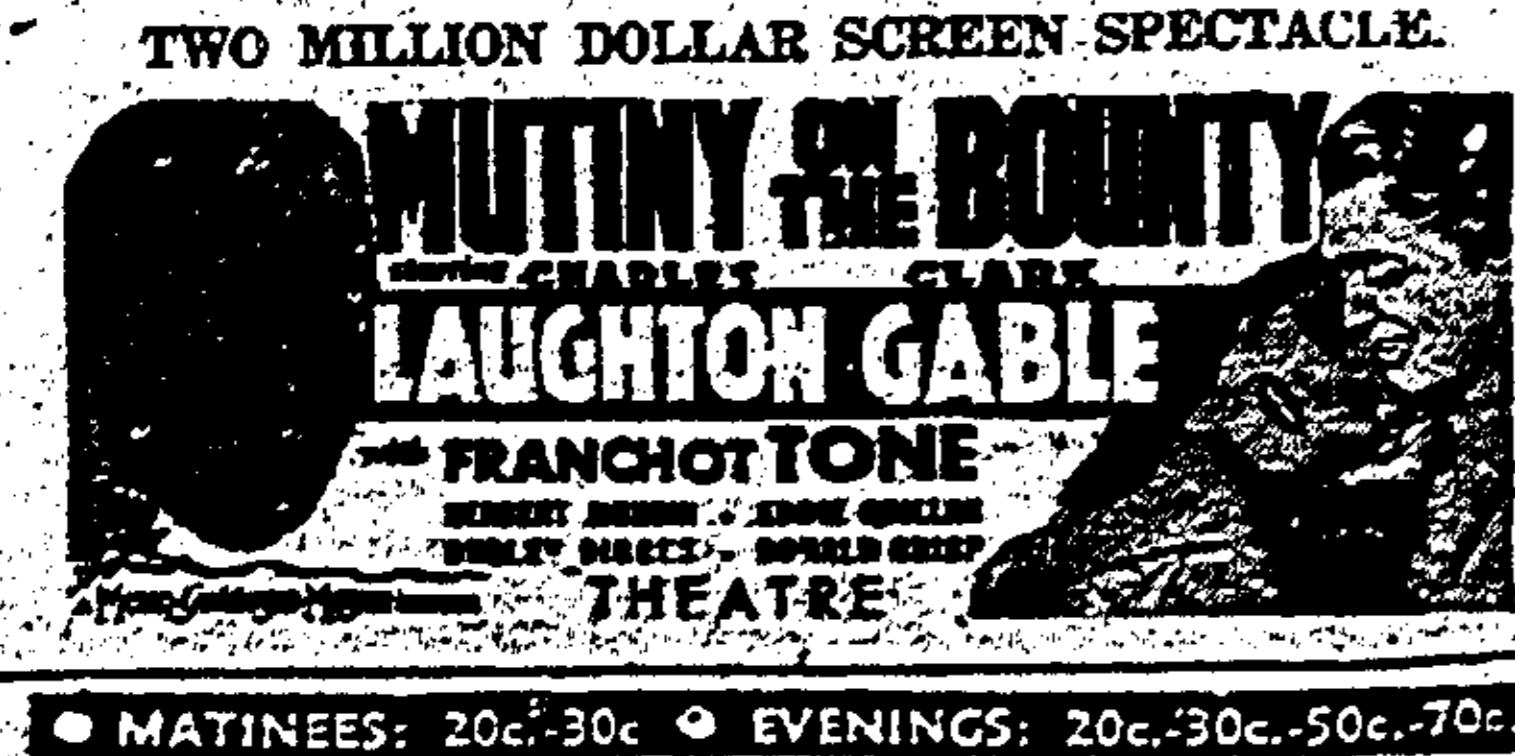
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GOVERNMENT DEFEATS

Equal Pay For Men
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AMENDMENTS CARRIED

London. To-day. Following the surprise defeat of the Government on Wednesday night in the House of Commons' division on the amendment in favour of equal pay for men and women for equal work in the Civil Service, the Government was twice defeated in the Lords last evening on amendments to the Agricultural Unemployment Insurance Bill. The defeats, however, have no political significance.

With reference to the Commons incident the Prime Minister announced yesterday that he would present on Monday a motion on equal pay for men and women in the Civil Service — upon which question the Government were not prepared to depart from the present policy — and the Government would treat the division as a vote of confidence. — British Wireless Service.

DEVILMENT LED TO DEATH

Inquest On Young Undergraduate

FOUND DEAD ON RAIL TRACK

A verdict of Death by Misadventure was returned at the inquest at North Minns, Hertfordshire, last month on Harold Smalley, the 18-year-old Cambridge undergraduate who was found dead on the railway near Brookman's Park.

It was suggested that "pure devilment" might have led him to climb out of the train while it was moving.

Smalley, whose home was at Crowborough, Sussex, was a second-year undergraduate at St. Catherine's College, and secretary of Cambridge University Gymnastic Club.

John Askell Smalley, a civil engineer of Oakridge-avenue, Radlett Herts, said that his brother had no troubles.

"Stiff" Rock Climbs

They had gone rock climbing together, and negotiated some very stiff climbs. It was consistent with his brother's high-spiritedness that he might have climbed out of the train while it was moving.

Lewis Whitcomb Harding, aged 21, of Jesus College, Cambridge, said that he had known Smalley since last May, and had seen him daily. On Thursday, February 20, they met at a Cambridge public-house. Smalley drank mildly.

"We left Cambridge together by the 3.30 p.m. train," said Harding. "We arrived at King's Cross at 4.45 p.m. and went together to a club in Victoria-street, S.W. I left Smalley for about an hour. We had just a few beers in the club."

Another Beer

They left the club at about 8 p.m., and had another beer at a restaurant. They caught the 3.35 p.m. train from King's Cross, and were the only two in the compartment.

The Coroner (Mr. T. Ottaway). — What was his condition when he got into the train, drunk or sober? — Sober.

Soon after the train left London, Smalley climbed out of the compartment.

He opened the door, and when I saw him he was just about as good as out," added Harding. "He shut the door behind him. He was away two or three minutes. When he came back I told him to be careful. I was alarmed until he came back to the compartment safely."

Harding said that he was away from the compartment for four or five minutes.

"When I returned," he stated, "Smalley was not there. Both doors were closed. I looked out of the window on one side and could not see him."

Playing A Joke

On arrival at Cambridge he waited at the station in the hope of seeing Smalley, then went home.

Mr. Ottaway. — Were you at all alarmed at Smalley's absence?

No, sir. I thought that he was playing a joke.

Mr. Ottaway said:

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DREDGING OF PEARL RIVER TO BE BEGUN

Money To Be Sought From Nanking

FREQUENT STRANDING OF RIVER STEAMERS

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day. Dredging of the shallow reaches of the Pearl River will shortly be undertaken by the River Conservancy Board in view of the frequent stranding of river steamers from Macau and Hong Kong. The decision to deepen the fairway is made at the request of Mr. L. K. Little, Commissioner of Customs for Canton.

Owing to the lack of funds, only small-scale dredging is possible for the time being. The total cost of dredging the various necessary parts of the Pearl River is estimated at \$3,000,000.

The South-west Political Council has designated its member, Mr. Lo Yik-kwan, to go to Nanking to secure funds for deepening the river, which becomes shallow during the winter months. The dredging process will take three years.

Coastal steamers arrive at, and leave Canton only at high tide. River steamers running on scheduled time cannot wait for the tide and frequently go aground. This is the first time that Canton officials have taken action to keep the channel open, although the silting-up of the river has been going on for the past six years.

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN ENGLAND

Detailed Analyses Being Made

London, To-day. As from Wednesday the Ministry of Transport are receiving detailed police reports on the circumstances and causes of every road accident involving personal injury, whether fatal or otherwise. The enumeration and analysis of the information thus obtained will, it is hoped, yield valuable results in the determination of the main factors of road safety.

Beginning next week, the weekly accident statistics compiled by the Ministry of Transport will be issued in amended form. — British Wireless Service.

ROYAL AIR FORCE UNIFORMS

London, To-day. — The Air Ministry announces impending changes in the service uniforms of officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force, the most important of which is the abolition of breeches and puttees in favour of trousers for all ranks. — British Wireless Service.

"If one is to take any inference from the evidence of his brother and Harding as to how he got out of the train, it does seem as if he did so for pure devilment, and in doing so a young man in the prime of life met his death."

WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclone lies over China; the depression has become more intense and has moved north-eastward, covering Korea, South Japan and the neighbouring seas. The Pacific depression is still indicated to the east of the Visayas, but its position and movement are uncertain. North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy, was the forecast for to-day as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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ARRESTS IN RIGA

German Citizens Released

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Riga, To-day.

Of the 35 Germans arrested in Riga during the last few weeks, as reported by Trans-Ocean, about 30 have been released so that only five or six still remain in custody. The charge brought against them is the breach of police by-laws, it being alleged that they attended political meetings during the continuance of the state of siege, the penalty in such cases usually varying between a fine of 100 Lats or 14 days' imprisonment and a fine of 750 Lats or two months' imprisonment.

An appeal can be lodged with the Home Minister. There has as yet not appeared in any official statement, but is expected in the next few days, unless in the meanwhile the five or six Germans still in custody should also be released. — Trans-Ocean Service.

TRIUMPH IN NEW YORK

Great Praise For British Actress

New York.—Wendy Hiller, the young Manchester actress, scored an instantaneous success in her Broadway debut in "Love on the Dole" last month.

Cheers of the first nighters were not quieted until Miss Hiller made a curtain speech. Her reception was likened by the critics to Elisabeth Bergner's debut here last year.

The New York Times praised her for playing the part with "pulsing beauty of high spirit."

The New York Tribune critic wrote: "She knows almost as many stage tricks as Elisabeth Bergner or perhaps Helen Hayes, which I suspect is all of them."

FATHER AND SON

Film Plans Of The Two Fairbanks

New York.—Douglas Fairbanks jun. left for England last month to make three pictures there.

Douglas Fairbanks sen., on the other hand, is returning to Hollywood shortly, and is afterwards going to China to direct a film there.

The two Fairbanks were staying in New York last month. They arrived by air from Hollywood.

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